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NEWS OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL!

The 18th Session of the Biennial Movable Convention Draws Large Crowd from Country at Large.

SENATOR TAGGART'S STAND FOR THE MASSES!

The Segregation Order in the State, War and Navy Departments has be Revoked Through the Influence of Prominent Legislators—Mrs. Lelia C. Walters, Wife of the Bishop, Appointed to a Clerkship in the Bureau of Immigration —Fine Performances by the Broadway Players at the Howard.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 13.—The 18th session of the Biennial Movable Committee of the G. U. O. of O. F. of America is in full swing. The city is full of delegates and visitors and the homes of all Washington are alive with the presence of "the stranger within our gates." Nearly every state in the Union is represented by sturdy men and pretty women and the uniforms of the Patriarchie are handsomely in evidence on the popular thoroughfares. The local committee has done its work well, under the leadership of General Chairman James H. Coleman, and the individual chairman have fitted in admirably to the various duties imposed upon them. The official headquarters at 1107 U street have swarmed with crowds since last Saturday and the bureaus of information are working overtime. Many places of business uptown and the different headquarters of state delegations are gayly decorated with flags, banners and ensigns, and everybody seems to be having a good time. The weather is ideal.

The main sessions of the B. M. C., are being held in Convention Hall, the business proceedings being opened Monday morning, with Grand Master Edward H. Morris presiding. The preliminaries were held early Monday, in the presence of a monster crowd, Commissioner Louis Brownlow delivering the address of welcome. The House hold of Ruth opened their business sessions Monday afternoon at the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, with Grand Worthy Superior Mary A. Parker, of this city, in the chair. Grand Worthy Chaplain Mary E. Washington, of New Albany, Ind., D. N. G. of Indiana H. of R., invoked the blessings of the Almighty upon the proceedings of the order.

Cantatas, theater parties, river excursions, clam-bakes, sight-seeing, picnics at Anacostia, dances by local clubs and auto trips to Arlington, Mount Vernon, and the suburbs have been some of the diversions indulged in by the visitors. The parade through the principal streets on Thursday is to be the big event of the week, followed by the competitive patriarchie drill at the American League Park and the full dress ball at Convention Hall in the evening. Friday will come the election of officers. There are no signs now that any bitter contests are on, but no one can tell what a day may bring forth—and there is considerable caucusing and whispering that looks significant to the mere on-looker.

The 18th B. M. C. bids fair to be the largest and best held within the memory of many of the oldest members of the Order of the Three Links. Grand Master E. H. Morris, Deputy G. M., J. C. Johnson, Grand Secretary J. C. Needham, Grand Treasurer W. David Brown, and H. P. Slaughter, the efficient editor of the Odd Fellows' Journal, are among the "star" performers in the great drama of the day.

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Senator Taggart Stands Firm for Negro Soldiers and Humanity in General.

A staunch friend of the Negro race should be appreciated wherever such a much-needed "sheet-anchor of hope" can be found. The wise Colored American is disposed to ask few questions relative to the creed, nationality, habitat or party affiliation of the "keeper of the Open Door."

Senator Thomas Taggart, of Indiana, is a friend of all humanity, as his public record of more than thirty years gives ample evidence. Speaking more specifically, he is the sturdy friend of the colored American—and he is not ashamed to admit the fact. He acts promptly, cordially and vigorously when there is the slightest chance to bring a larger life and broader opportunities for service to the Negroes of the land. He gives them steady and lucrative employment and lends all possible assistance in their aspiration for political preferment and professional or commercial advancement. A concrete example is here given:

Not long ago one Mr. Caraway, of Arkansas, introduced a bill in the House of Representatives, the intent of which was to prevent the enlistment or re-enlistment of Negroes in the Army or Navy of the United States. The matter was brought to the attention of Senator Taggart, who forthwith addressed a letter to the Hon. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, saying among other emphatic things:

Opposed to Caraway Bill.

"I feel sure that this bill does not meet with the wishes of the War Department. There are several occasions that call to my mind the valor and loyalty of the Negro soldiers, and only recently their bravery was shown at Carrizal, Mexico.

"I AM OPPOSED TO THIS BILL.

"Hoping to hear from your Department that this bill does not meet with your approval, and with personal regards, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly, T. TAGGART."

Secretary Baker Disapproves of Anti-Enlistment Measure.

Replying to Senator Taggart's unequivocal expressions anent the Caraway bill, Secretary of War Baker, said, in part:

"My attention had not been before called tothis bill, and, so far as I know, has not been referred to this Department for opinion. The purpose of the bill is to prevent the enlistment or re-enlistment of people of the Colored race in the military service of the United States. Any such bill would receive the disapproval and adverse recommendation of this Department.

"Those who are familiar with the history of our country from the armies organized by George Washington in the American Revolution down to the present day know that brave and often conspicuously gallant service has been rendered by colored troops. In the most recent instance—at Carrizal, in Mexico, these colored troops conducted themselves with the greatest intrepidity, and reflected nothing but honor upon the uniform they wore."

In a speech abounding in eloquence and carrying conviction of the deepest earnestness, Senator Taggart took the floor of the Senate a few days ago, and submitted for the consideration of the nation the full correspondence with the War Department touching the Caraway bill and had it spread upon the pages of the Congressional Record.

This is one of the many incidents in the career of Senator Thomas Taggart that show the kind of a MAN he is.

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"Segregation" in Departments Gets a Body Blow.

"Segregation" because of race and color got a body blow last week when the order restricting the colored employees of the government in the State, War and Navy Department building to the use of certain toilets was revoked. The order thus discriminating against Negroes is said to have been issued by Col. W. W. Harts, superintendent of the building occupied by the three executive departments named, the same to take effect August 9. The action aroused indignation throughout the city and was the subject of columns of denunciatory matter in the colored papers.

The case was brought to the attention of Congress through persons familiar with the facts. In a short time, requests came in from Senators and members of the House of Representatieves that the order be set aside, and, to the joy of the colored employees affected, the new system inaugurated by Col. Harts was abandoned. Citizens, irrespective of race or color, may now use at will any of the toilet conveniences in the State, War and Navy Departments building. The new order of things is regarded as a triumph for righteousness and American fair play.

The requests for the revocation of the order were made by Senators Thomas Taggart, of Indiana; Atlee Pomerene, of Ohio; James E. Martine, of New Jersey, and William E. Chilton, of West Virginia; Representatives James Taggart, of Kansas; David J. Lewis, of Maryland, and G. T. Helvering, of Kansas.

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Mrs. Lelia Coleman Walters in Government Service.

Mrs. Lelia Coleman Walters, the accomplished wife of Bishop Alexander Walters, of the A. M. E. Zion Church, has been appointed to an important clerkship in the Bureau of Immigration, and attached to the office of the Commissioner of Immigration, stationed at Ellis Island. The salary is $1,200 per annum. The appointment was made by executive order of President Wilson, which relieved Mrs. Walters of the delays incident to the routine of selection by the Civil Service Commission.

The appointment is regarded as a slight token of the esteem in which Bishop Walters is held by the authorities at the White House, and Mrs. Walters is being roundly congratulated by her host of friends in church and state upon the compliment that has been so gracefully paid her by the Chief Magistrate of the Nation. It is an open secret that Bishop Walters could have had high honors thrust upon him by the present administration, but he steadily declined all of them, as they would have interfered with his work as an episcopate of the Zion church—a work that he declared was sufficient to gratify all of the ambitions of his life. Mrs. Walters, having upon her the responsibility of caring for the health of her distinguished husband, could not have accepted at this time a position calling for a greater share of her attention that that to which she has been appointed. She will have the place as long as she lives or desires to retain it. Her native ability and sympathetic personality insure efficient service at her hands.

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Race Conference in Session.

The "Race Conference" called by Rev. W. H. Jernagin and others is in session at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. A large attendance seems assured.

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A Firm Friend of the Negro Race Passes Away.

The death of Hon. A. A. Birney, a leading member of the Washington bar, is deeply deplored by the colored people of this community. He has served long and well as a member of the faculty of Howard University Law School, and in his practice in the courts has rendered timely service in behalf of justice for those who could not have obtained this boon without his aid. As United States District Attorney during the McKinley administration, Mr. Birney gave constant evidence of his loyalty to the principles and practice of fair play to all concerned. He was a grandson of that sturdy abolitionist, James G. Birney, who ran for the Presidency on an anti-slavery platform away back in the '40's, and a son of Gen. William Birney, who enlisted 4,000 slaves in the Union Army on his own motion and for which he received the personal commendation of Abraham Lincoln.

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Senator Taggart Against Oppressive Taxation.

The speech of Senator Thomas Taggart, of Indiana, against the excessive taxing of the American people to be paid out in immense appropriations for useless and unnecessary government projects, has been approved by the masses from ocean to ocean. His mail has been flooded with letters testifying to the people's support of his anti-pork-barrel attitude in the matter of handling building and river and harbor improvement measures. Mr. Taggart is in favor of all movements that inure to the people's good, but he is opposed to extravagance that compels the taxing of the poor man's home to fatten the pocket-books of mercenary contractors and jobbers. His plan to have low-priced bonds issued to help pay for the preparedness program on a sliding scale, allowing the man of small means to share in the interest on protected savings, is rated by financiers as one of the soundest and most practical economic system that has yet been presented for national consideration. Senator Taggart, in his brief sojourn in the law-making arena, has taken rank with the best talent the country has produced. He measures up to the tallest timber the celebrated Hoosier State has sent to the Senate at Washington.

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Fine Performance of "At Bay" by Broadway Players.

The famous Broadway Players gave a finished performance Monday night of the thrilling drama "At Bay." The fall season opened in full swing, and all this week standing room has been at a premium. Many B. M. C. visitors, augmented by the Washingtonians returning from summer vacations, are responsible for the big boost in the attendance at the Howard.

The play tells the story of a young girl who narrowly escapes the consequences of a "past," and who finds her way to love and happiness through the loyalty and devotion of a thoroughbred "man of the world." As the heroine, "Aline Graham," Miss Inez Clough, an actress of culture and intellectual equipment, scores another triumph, her rendition standing along with her "Kate Fallon" in "The Deep Purple," "Princess Theresa of Arragon" in "The Ghost Breaker," and "Mrs. Sholto" in "The Sign of the Four." Miss Clough is a native of New England and her perfect English, acquired from contact with the best people in the best schools of Worcester and Boston, is a valuable adjunct to her other qualifications as an artist of the highest type. Andrew V. Bishop gave an unusually strong impersonation of "Capt. Lawrence Holbrook, a free lance." J. Francis Mores, always forceful and cleancut, appeared to advantage as "Gordon Graham, U. S. District Attorney." Will A. Cook, slightly out of his metier, shining best in quaint comedy, gave a conscientious and able portrayal of "Father Shannon," a faithful friend. H. L. Pryor upheld his reputation for fine shading of character as "Judson Flagg," a blackmailing lawyer, and doubled effectively as "Dr. Francis Elliott." Luke Scott achieved perhaps the biggest success of his long and brilliant career in the exacting role of "Robert Dempster," chief of the U. S. Secret Service. Miss Carlotta Freeman and Miss Ruth Carr were boys this week and played their parts admirably, though having little to do. Miss Marie Young, Charles Taylor and George E. Brown handled minor roles in adequate fashion, the whole being a well-rounded production—one of the best of the dramas yet given. The action is speedy and the climaxes are worked out with telling effect, curtain calls being frequent and enthusiastic.

Next week, Mrs. Charles H. Anderson, Miss Cleo Desmond, Charles Moore, Sidney Kirkpatrick, Clarence E. Muse, Charles Olden, Arthur Ray, Albert Knorl, Miss Mattie Wilkes, A. B. DeComathiere, Miss Orma Crosby Boquet and others in the long-awaited "Within the Law." Other productions underlined for early presentation are "Madame X" and "The Family Cupboard."

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Manager Thomas, Like Tennyson's Brook, "Goes on Forever."

It is stated upon good authority that there is absolutely no foundation for the sensational rumor set afoot last week by a local sheet to the effect that a syndicate of white capitalists are forming a scheme to erect or lease a "jim-crow" theatre in this city to produce dramas with colored casts, with a view of "putting Manager A. J. Thomas out of business." In the first place, Manager Thomas is too well-known and admired by the colored people of Washington to be put out of business by anybody; and in the second place, no one has any disposition to attempt such a foolish and unnecessary thing. The circulation of the canard looks to the layman as an effort to pull the wool over the eyes of Manager Thomas, and establish over him a protectorate that this astute young man of business does not need, and to "frame him" for personal ends. This places too low an estimate upon the intelligence and managerial acumen of Mr. Thomas, and no one who knows him expects him to "fall for it." The relations between Manager Thomas and the Quality Amusement Corporation or other white capitalists with whom he deals, are cordial and satisfactory, and paying public is pleased with the high character of the entertainment that is being offered at the Howard.

Manager Thomas will be pulling in the greenbacks at the Howard "until the cows come home." Like Tennyson's "Brook," he "goes on forever."

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Live Topics of the Town.

Congress has departed until the ides of Decembed.

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U street, the Court of Honor, is beautifully lighted with incandescent bulbs, from 11th to 14th street.

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Prof. James S. Thomas, formerly of Howard University, is slated for a well known school in St. Louis for the ensuing year.

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Col. William McDonald, of Texas, is in the city preparing to enter the national campaign. He was chaperoned by Judge Robert H. Terrell.

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Major W. T. Anderson, retired chaplain, U. S. Army, may be detailed for active duty at a post on the Mexican border, if the recommendations of high officials is concurred in.

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Miss Jeannette Carter, pension attorney and stenographer, is at home again, after a prolonged stay in New York City, where she collaborated with several political experts on a campaign book for the Republican party.

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The District of Columbia is still without a member of the Republican National Committee. The Chicago convention refused to seat any of the three contesting delegations and no election of a national committeeman could be held.

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Mr. Walter W. Jones, of Chicago, is here attending the convention of the National Union of Elevator Constructors, being the only member of the race in that body. He is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thompson, 1223 S street N. W.

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Gen. Joseph L. Jones, of Cincinnati, Ohio, G. W. C. of the Court of Calanthe, president of the Central Regalia Company, and high official in the National Negro Press Association, is among the vast throng of distinguished visitors this week.

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Miss Mattie Pearl Adams, an estimable young lady, a graduate of Howard University, was refused admission to the classes at the Sargent School of Physical Education, Boston. The authorities stated that they had admitted colored students for a number of years, but thought it best to discontinue that policy, and would not hereafter accept pupils other than white. Miss Adams has matriculated at the Posse School of Gymnastics, at Boston, said to be an institution of equal standing as the Sargent school, though less widely known.

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Prof. D. Gordon Houston, director of of the department of English at Howard University, has attained his degree as an A. M. at Harvard after putting in a year of hard work there, returned to his duties at Howard at the opening of the fall term.

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Counsellor T. Gillis Nutter, who stopped over, en route to his home in Charleston, W. Va., after attendnig the Philadelphia convention of the Elks of the World, denied the current report that he was a candidate, receptive of otherwise, for re-election as Grand Exalted Ruler of that body. Mr. Nutter served three terms with credit and distinction and positively refused to consider a fourth term.

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The Washington Bee, once representing the spirit of the thinking people of this community on the present inefficient school administration, has departed from the faith and is silent on the evils which it formerly denounced with fitting severity and fidelity to fact. On the schools and kindred public interests, the once virile and peppery Bee is as tame as a sick kitten. Brer Chase is losing his grip.

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Prof. Kelly Miller, Dean of the College of Arts and Science at Howard University, delivered a scholarly address at Lake Placid, N. Y., a few days ago, the occasion being the unveiling of a tablet to the memory of John Brown, the hero of Harper's Ferry. Prof. Miller was the only representative of the colored people on a long program, which included some of the most noted men of the nation.

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The Indiana delegation of the Household of Ruth, No. 9, headed by the brilliant Mrs. Mary E. Washington, of New Albany, Ind., D. N. G. of the State of Indiana, has its headquarters at 1223 S street, where many visitors have called to pay their respects. Mrs. Washington is Grand Worthy Chaplain of the national Household of Ruth and is prominently mentioned for the post of Grand Worthy Superior. She has rendered conspicuous service for the order in the Hoosier state.

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A well-defined opposition has sprung up against the employment of day teachers in the night schools of the District, save in cases where efficient instructors cannot be obtained for the short terms allowed to the night schools. Normal graduates are entitled to a larger chance for employment by dropping the duplicate system of teaching, and it is not regarded as good public policy to permit a teacher to be used at night, after having given the best that is within their powers during the day.

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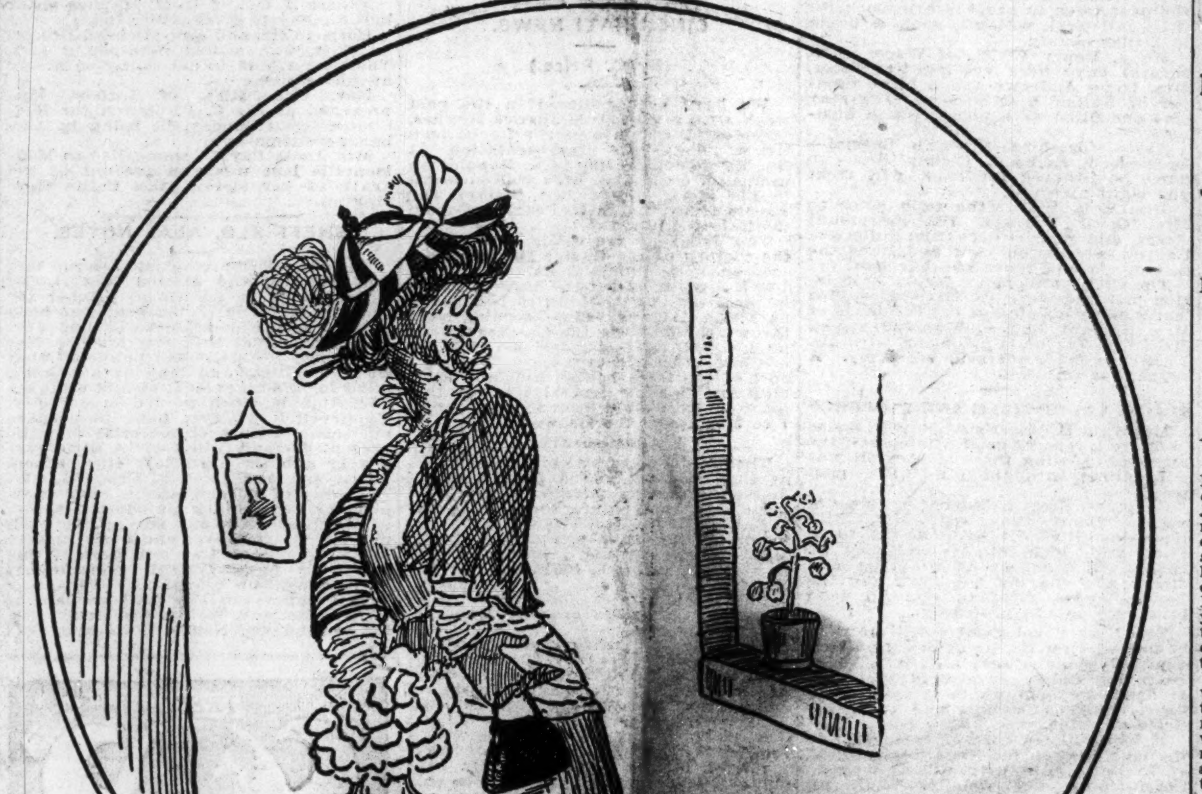
Judge Terrell's salary has been increased to $3,000 by virtue of the passage of the District Appropriation bill by Congress. Judge Terrell is now serving his fourth term as a member of the Municipal Court bench and is conceded to be the best-equipped jurist of the five on that bench. His re-appointment came from President Wilson, and he was the only member thus held over from the previous administration —a merited, and decidedly unusual compliment.



"WHEN SHE FIRST VISITED YOU."

NEWS OF THE NATION'S METROPOLIS

Prof. N. W. Collier in Noted Address Tells Young Men of the Race to be Workers and not Strikers

THE MAN WHO THINKS WILL WIN, SAYS EDUCATOR

Prof. Isaiah J. Whitney, Head of Mobile County Training School, Issues a Fine Report—A Review of "The Awakening of Hezekiah Jones," by John E. Bruce, the Noted Journalist—Mrs. Frances Kizer, Faculty Member of Daytona Normal School, in the City—News Bureau Sends out Appeal.

Allen's National News Bureau,
447 Lenox Avenue.

NEW YORK CITY, Sept. 11, 1916.—Professor N. W. Collier, the president of The Florida Baptist Academy at Jacksonville, Florida, and one of the most progressive of the younger educators of the race sent a strong message to the young men of the race last Sunday afternoon in a notable address before the lyceum of Salem M. E. Church. Prof. Collier warned the young men of the race against mistaking the light and frivolous things of life, for the real and substantial things which count.

He urged the young people to be workers, and not shirkers, and said that the workers were the people who made their way to the front in the world. Before he spoke there was a musical program consisting of soles and recitations. The lyceum was called to order by the President, George W. Allen, who is one of the most prominent figures in the literary life of this city.

Mr. Allen told of the pleasure in having Prof. Collier present and the great good he is doing in the section of the country where he is located. He then called to Prof. J. D. Fileen, the head of a private academy to introduce him to the audience.

Prof. Collier spoke on "Possibilities." In the course of his address he said that it was possible for an individual to make his life just what he desired to make it. He said that thought was the powerful thing in the world, and that the men who think are the men who rule the world. "I want to congratulate the young people of this church" said the speaker, "for the maintenance of such a forum as this which is giving encouragement to independent thought. Thought rules the universe. Because Graham Bell thought we have the great telephone system Because of the thought of Robert Fulton we have today the great steam boats, and it was the thought of Marconi that gave us the wonderful system of wireless telegraphy. Thought also produces efficiency, and the man who is efficient irrespective of color will win. I called at a great establishment in this city recently where a young colored man from my school was empolyed, and the head of that establishment said to me that the young man was efficient and that he had a position with the firm as long as he desired it. I want to see the young men of the race develop themselves and take their places in life.

"I want to warn the young man not to be shirkers if they would succeed in life. It is the workers who accomplish the things in life that are worth while." The speaker called attention to the evils that follow in the wake of young men who drink and dissipate in general. He told young men to be true to the best ideals and to stand for a principle even in the face of death.

He called attention to the lack of thrift on the part of many of the race living in the North and said that he felt at times the race in the South was making the greatest strides along this particular line.

He cited several examples where the members of the race living in Jacksonville were learning the lesson of thrift and economy.

Within the past year he said the people of that city have saved over $30,000. He made a plea for education urging the young people present to take advantage of every opportunity that made for their uplift in the world. The address of Prof. Collier was one of the most helpful heard in this city for sometime and it will do much towards giving them the right incentive in life. At the conclusion of the address Mrs. Frances R. Keyser of The Daytona Normal School at Daytona, Fla., and Rev. F. A. Cullen spoke in commendation of the strong message of the speaker.

Prof. Collier has been the head of the Florida Baptist Academy for twenty-five years, and has seen that institution develop into one of the strongest educational centers in the South for the education of the young folks of he race. He is active in the educational life of the South. He is a graduate of Atlanta University.

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Principal Isaiah Whitley Issues Fine Report.

Your correspondent is in receipt of the first annual report of Principal Isaiah Whitley, the founder of the Mobile Training School at Plateau, Alabama, in the heart of the black-belt of that state. The report gives a comprehensive view of what the school has done during its six years of existence, and how it has aided in bringing about a better feeling between the race in Mobile County where the Negroes outnumber the whites five to one. The heroism and fine sacrifice that the principal has made in going into the section where the school is located, a section that heretofore was neglected and furnished the bulk of the crime of the county is well brought out and shows what a man fired on by a determination to succeed can accomplish. The school has become more than a school it has become the community center of the County contributing to the uplift of the older people as well as the young. Some of the activities under the auspices of the school are farm conferences, lecture courses, and community meetings. Principal Whitley is a graduate of Selma University.

He writes as follows: "In submitting this, our annual report, to the Board of School Commissioners, Superintendant of Education, School Improvement Association, we hope to clearly set forth the aim of the Institution and its needs. For a number of years I have wanted to establish a Secondary Institution in this section of Alabama which would be a mighty force and wield a great influence in the uplift and proper kind of education for the Colored people in The Plateau Community and throughout Southwest Alabama.

"In traveling over the counties one can see vast acreages of untilled land that might be occupied by busy and prosperous farmers, green meadows and woodland that should be filled with cattle of all kinds and description, but they are bare and unproductive. In the cities and towns you may find hundreds of colored people who are barely eking out a living. They are the prey of the courts, disease and crime, the victims of the loan shops, the installment salesman, dives and other places of disrepute. It is barely possibilities that these people who fall into these conditions can be ever lured away from them. But I feel that it is the duty of the Institutions of the land to seek to obliterate these conditions which are so prevalent among our people. I feel that this can be done by making our Institution an active, vital force for all that is elevating to all of the people. They should be taught the dignity of labor, the values of cleanliness, and sanitation, the lover of truth and righteousness and the comfort and beauty of country life. We believe the country boy should be taught the beauty and value of country life. He should be inspired to remain in the country, beautify his home, diversify his farm, lengthen and round out his school term and build good roads and everything else that would make country life happy and attractive.

"It is the purpose of the Institution to teach these virtues to its pupils and through its extension work, carry this gospel to its patrons and friends throughout the district."

The school is now making an effort to rebuild the entire plant that was destroyed by fire in 1915. It is one the schools in the South that is filling a long felt need in the section where it is located.

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A Review of "The Awakening of Hezekiah Jones."

One of the most gripping and interesting novels that has appeared this year from the pen of a journalist of the race is "The Awakening of Hezekiah Jones" by John Edward Bruce, known to the press crowd as Bruce-Grit. It is one of the most entertaining as well as instructive products that has appeared this year, and works out a moral lesson that ought to give the Negro greater strength in the political life of the nation. The story is a political one, and concerns itself with some of the problems and rewards that the Negro is meeting with in this country, and how it is possible to win recognition and power. The hero of the story is Hezekiah Jones a colored politician who immigrated from the South to an Eastern state. The town contained 35,000 inhabitants, 2000 of them being colored people. Hezekiah who lived in the town for sometime was a leader among his race, and had won the esteem and confidence of the white politicians of the town.

He was invited to all of the conferences, and was the quest at dinner at one time at the home of the Chairman of Republican committee, where three other members of the committee were present.

At this dinner the political situation as it affects the Negro was brought up and it was here where Hezekiah awoke to the necessity of having the Negro considered by the Republican party.

Hezekiah is pictured at the most educated of the colored population, and as the result he is lauded by and felt proud of by the colored group who looked to him for advice and guidance on the problems that affected them. The whole story deals with Hezekiah fighting with the party for recognition on the part of the Negro as a just reward for his faithful services and duty in the ranks. The vexing problems that the Negro must encounter before recognition comes are graphically pictured by the writer and through it all Hezekiah is made the central figure meeting the issues bravely, and making his fight solely upon the ground of principles and not favors.

A passage from one of the chapters of the book reads as follows: "If the party comes back I will hand you another list for there are a number of places I have found which colored men can fill and ought to have. Now if you and your associates are prepared to guarantee these places in writing we stand ready to deliver the solid Negro vote for the entire ticket. I need not tell for you know, that the Negroes of this city never scratch a ticket that I endorse. They have confidence in my judgment in these matters and where I give the word they act."

This was the kind of talk that Hezekiah gave the powers that be, and the kind of straightforward stuff that won recognition from the local politicians of the little town where Hezekiah lived.

The story is one with a good moral, and the race needs more of the Hezekiah kind. The book contains sitxy-two pages with an introduction by John W. Cromwell. It is published by Phil Brown and issued from the press of the Saturday News at Hopkinsville.

In this little book Bruce-Grit has brought out his better journalistic powers. It is one of the best things that the veteran writer has put on the market, and it will go a long way putting him in a unique place in the journalistic endeavors of his race and times.

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News Bureau Send Out Appeal.

Your correspondent is sending out another appeal to the men and women of the race throughout the country to contribute towards his efforts to build up in this center a news agency that will have for its aim the supplying of the colored press throughout the country with records of our progress and achievements, and enable us to get thru the press of the nation our case stated in the most telling manner. The various cases of discrimination to which the Negro suffers in this country ought to be exposed, and public sentiment against it formed. Last week a prominent young physician and wife from

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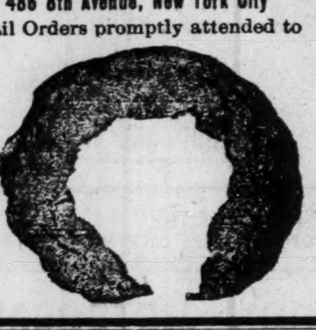

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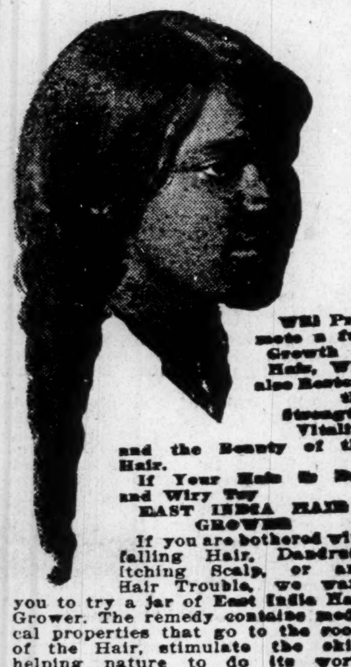

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DALLAS, TEXAS, NEWS

(By Col. J. Griffin, Freeman Headquarters, 2922 Cochran Street, Phone Haskell 6956.)

With the hot weather comes the call for laborers to the cotton fields and work for the many idlers and we are overcrowded with them, a larger number than there ought to be. Now is your chance idlers, accept it and make good before old crimp takes charge.

Mr. Wm. J. Harris, who has been here sick several months, has gone to Kansas City for an indefinite stay.

It's the talk among those who like club life. Will those interested allow it to be conducted right and properly run so that it will be an uplift or just for revenue to all who wish to take a chance to learn a new trick.

It's up to the masses here to try and elevate a standard above just a mere dressed up man, woman, girl or boy running loose here and there and continually in the grip of the law or up to some dirty work or trying to get by as a sweet one.

The Freeman is in a larger demand than ever before. It tells the truth in its columns each week. Now is the time to buy it and keep up.

Mrs. T. D. Haskin, the noted musician of Houston, Texas, is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dan Whisnant, 821 Good street, for an indefinite stay and on last Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Whisnant gave in her honor an informal reception when a party of her esteemed friends were invited to meet around the round table and get acquainted. The time was pleasantly spent and all enjoyed the various singing and musical numbers, toasts, games and other amusements together with the sumptuous repast which was the very best of culinary art. Mrs. Haskin is much impressed with those she meets and speaks highly of the courtesies shown her since her arrival in the metropolis.

The teachers have been quite busy the past week in preparatory work for their fall work which is soon to begin in Dallas county.

Mr. J. Henry White, of Waco, spent several days here visiting his sister, Mrs. Irene Andrews and a large number of Dallas' best citizens. His stay was one filled with pleasure and business.

Autos for hire—Powell's Special—Jackson & Jackson, Rickey Bros—so don't be jitneyed for these will treat you right all right.

Mrs. Eola Wiley, the twin ester to Mrs. Oscar Francis, 718 Fairmount street, and son, are here from Fullerton, La., on a vacation visit and likes the metropolis and those she has met.

The Club of Working Men's Association met and were socially entertained last Sunday evening at the residence of Mrs. Richard Balden, Trinidad street. Mr. W. B. Taylor is president, with Mr. J. H. too fat Anderson, secretary. A royal time was had.

STAGE, VAUDEVILLE AND PICTURES

Mrs. Ella B. Moore's vaudeville house in Terrell, reports good attendance, the business showing there as the bill was a headliner throughout all the past week.

Gray and Gray, balancing artists, are on the Moore time, with Mrs. Billy Kersands, Big Bill Nichols, the three Ford trio, Kid Bumpsky, Henry R. Dixon, Ali Moni specialty artist and others now playing the Park and the Terrell house, cleaning up. All send greetings to the profession.

The High Schol theatre will have to be made larger for its growing patronage and gift features nightly. Wylie, Batts and Ridge are giving the people a chance in their profits at wood, coal, flour, chickens, swings and other articles of value.

It looks like a case of freeze-out to the musicians in the First Regiment K. of P. Band here with others who do the jumping act weekly. Well, all things that glitters are not gold. Boys, go to it, anyhow things will come your way by and by.

The General K. of P. Grand Lodge Committee as a whole have not sent to the various local lodges of this city its report on their stewardship. There are brave K. of P.'s here who wish to know what is what.

We want your classified ads. We will find your long lost relatives and sell your homes, horses, hogs, cows, harness and whatever you have to sell. We can help you to sell it. See me or phone H-6956. Call J. G. Griffin, The Freeman.

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I take this method to let my friends and enemies, if I have any, know that the erroneous rumor that is being circulated that it was I who that well-known man about this city and the woman he mixed the battle with on the corner of Bryan and Central avenue last Monday was not me. As I care not to be so popular as to have to fight in the streets of Dallas. It will pay the best of us to not crush the worst of us because the worst of us may be as good as the best of us when it comes to getting by. MOTHER GRACE.

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BRUNSWICK, GA., NEWS.

(By Praylor Keith.)

On Labor day quite a large crowd of excursionists from all parts of Georgia paid our city a visit and to see one of the greatest boxing contests that was ever witnessed before in this city, between two heavyweight boxers. Mr. Eddie Butler, of Brunswick, Mr. Mack Griffin of Savannah, Ga. The bout was scheduled for fifteen rounds according to Referee Eddie Moore's decision, Butler was put to the bad in the twelfth round. It seems as though Griffin outclased Butler in every point, although Butler got in some good punches. Any boxer wishes a bout with Eddie Butler can get in touch with Mr. Edward Moore of this city.

Mr. Benjamin McClendon, who has recently returned from New York, is now in Chicago, visitng his sister, Mrs. Sophie Walters.

Someone wanted to know what the Knights of Pythias are doing in Brunswick toward getting their K. of P. band. I don't know but read The Freeman and find out.

Mr. Mike and Mrs. Rachel Butler have opened up their cool drink store and quick lunch restaurant on G street next door to their dwelling house. They invite the public at large to pay them a visit. You can get a good lunch when hungry or a cool drink when thirsty. Your coming will be appreciated.

Last Sunday was the forty-third anniversary of the Shiloh Baptist church. Quite a large crowd attended. Every member of the Shiloh Baptist church paid to their church the small sum of forty-three cents which make one cent per year since the church started in Brunswick by Rev. S. C. Roberts, who is pastor today. His first church was a wooden structure and the second one a brick structure.

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CINCINNATI NEWS.

(By C. Price.)

We have been honored in the past week with a visit from Justice Hughes, presidential nominee on the Republican ticket. The Negro representation at the big demonstration by Republican campaign committee here was pleasing to his honor, the crowd covered the streets from Fourth to Pearl and from Central to Plum.

The ball fans are really elated over the victory of the Cuvier Browns' success against Columbus Easterns, score 7 to 5, against one of the hardest teams in the state is something to feel proud as a slip at any time would have thrown the game to the Easterns. Britt pitched ball against some of the heaviest hitters he will ever face. The support of the team behind him and Bubble's and Baker's generalship won this game which should been but for errors 7 to 3 in favor the Browns.

Amusements.

The Pekin pictures only doing well, at that it gives you a feeling of remorse to pass the entrance without the usual smile and salutation from Dempsey, but Gloves, the ticket man, remains on the job, a pleasant reminder. Mrs. Dempsey, Ollie Dempsey's wife, is here on business, looking after the theatre.

The Dunbar, with such heavy business, was forced to enlarge their palatial quarters.

The Lincoln Theatre gives the people another treat. The ever popular Cliff Ross and a strong company in stock and you can hear the laughter a square away every night as he goes through his repertoire of farces.

Each week the one thing we should look at is the strenuous efforts of that manager, Spencer Finley and the Lincoln Amusement Company to give this town a first-class Colored theater and royal entertainmen at any cost. We have to continue waking up and appreciate we are lucky at this end of the woods.

Eddie Gray, the popular singer is spending a few days here among his friends. Arthur Porter and his other brother, musicians, handed him a hearty welcome.

"Slaughter," of The Freeman staff, was here a few hours and says he will help put this town on the map again. He had a long talk with Ross and the Lincoln staff.

Baldy Fleming still holds his title, king of the boys. They gang around him daily.

Ora Criswell is here yet, but don't look well as usual.

Marshall sisters, with Cleo Mitchell, left for St. Louis on Klein's time, a good trio.

Will Reed, famous band master, now busy with K. of P. matters.

Toy Marshall, of the Love and Brown pool parlors, sends regards to boys abroad and says, "That's all for this evening."

PROVIDENCE, KY., NOTES.

(By W. M. Sisk.)

Mrs. Coreana and son, Todd, returned Sept. 2, after spending several weeks in Ayshire, Ind., where they were the guests of her father-in-law, Rev. J. E. Todd. She was highly pleased with her visit.

Mr. Herschel Lee Carey and Miss Rosie Stone were quietly married Tuesday morning, Sept. 5th at the county seat.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crow, a fine seven-pound boy, Aug. 31st. Mother and son doing nicely.

Mr. Harlan Lee was acidentally stabbed Saturday night while trying to keep a friend out of trouble.

Miss Addie Alexander, of Hardingsburg, Ky., is here staying with Prof. and Mrs. W. O. Wickles.

Mrs. Sallie Bell is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary J. Johnson at Dawson, Ky.

Miss Rosie Leavell left last Sunday for Hopkinsville, Ky., to enter high school. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Ora Leavell as far as Madisonville.

Mr. Shackelford Querry died last Saturday about 2 a. m.. His funeral was held Sunday at 2:30 p. m., from the C. P. church, conducted by Rev. Geo. Givens, of Bowling Green, Ky. Mrs. Betsy Phillips, of Princeton, Ind., attended the funeral.

The Bible Band met at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Watkins, Monday, Sept. 11. A two-course luncheon was served.

Mrs. Julia Gaines left Wednesday, Sept. 13, to spend several days with her daughter, Mrs. Fanny Phillips at Galconda, Ill.

Mrs. Pearlina Dulan, of Hopkinsville, Ky., is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Lillie Marlin.

Mrs. Ollie Mason, who has been visiting her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Marlin, left last Tuesday for Henderson, Ky., her home.

The Sewing Circle of the C. P. church met last Monday at the home of Mrs. Caroline Price. There were 26 present. Refreshments were served, sherbet and cake. The amount realized was $2.50.

The Arno club entertained the Y. M. S. E. Saturday, Sept. 9th, with a private picnic and dance at the pavilion in White City park.

Mr. Geo. Sisk was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Mark Earl.

Mrs. Sis Kelsey and Mrs. Emma Hughes returned last Saturday from Indianapolis, where they spent a few weeks with relatives and friends.

W. M. Sisk is spending a few days in Hanson, Ky., with his father, Mr. Geo. Sisk.

Messrs. J. C. and D. M. Hughes spent last Sunday in Evansville, Ind.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brooks on Sept. 9th, a fine nine-pound girl. The young lady is not doing so nicely at this writing.

Rev. Geo. Rice, of Lisbon, Ky., preached at the C. P. church for Rev. Simpson last Sunday, he being in Alabama visiting.

Mrs. Della Payton was called to Madisonville last week on account of the death of her sister, Miss Callie Herrington.

SHEFFIELD, ALA., NOTES.

The School Improvement League met last evening and elected Mrs. J. W. Thursday as an additional teacher for the ensuing term. This body has been able to secure somewhere around $100 to begin paying this new teacher. For this cause we invite the public to visit these meetings and lend us a helping hand for it's an evidential fact a higher education is much needed in our city. To get this we first have to prepare our school with such material that the present demand calls for. A little over a year ago the (white) city school board met and elected Prof. J. W. Thursday of Tuscumbia as our new principal, and under his administration of the past term our school has been put on the improvement basis and to Mr. F. T. Eastland as president of this league is putting forth every effort to improve our school.

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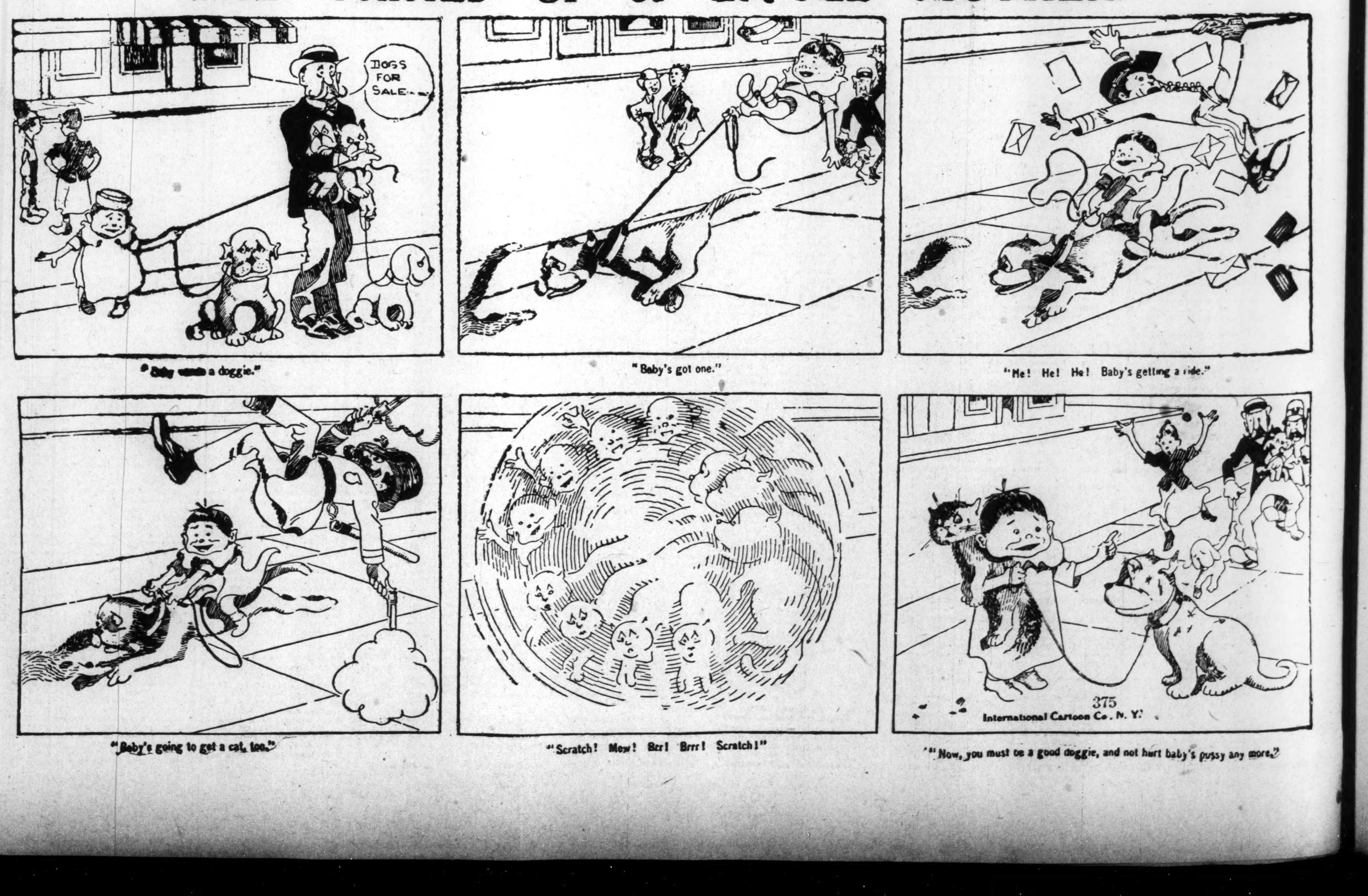

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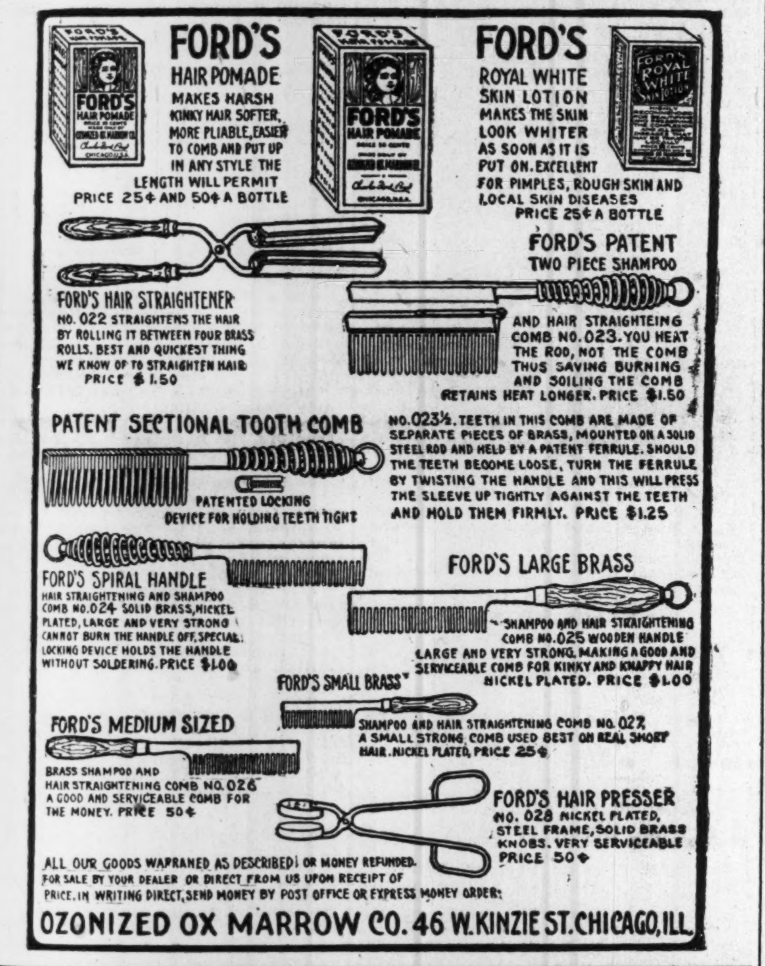

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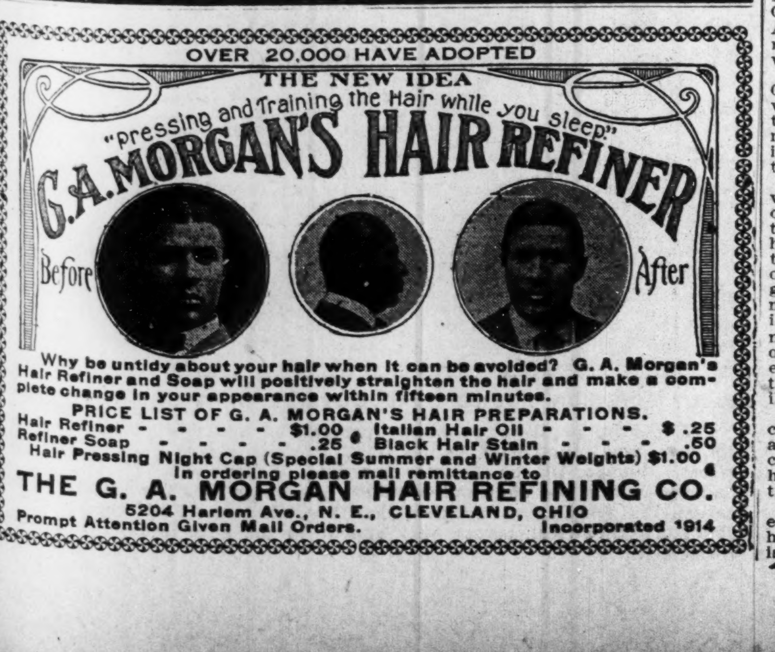
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THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION HAD SUCCESSFUL SESSION—REV. DR. E. C. MORRIS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT—DR. R. R. MOTON MADE PRINCIPAL ADDRESS.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Sept. 11.—The National Baptist convention has closed the most successful session ever held in its history, and perhaps the largest crowd that has attended the convention for years was here, and the largest enrollment ever had in the history of the convention was rolled up this year.

The delegation was indeed large, and each session was full of interest, and many important facts brought out concerning the convention and its scope of work. Rev. E. C. Morris, was elected president to succeed himself, and the other officers elected were Rev. W. G. Parks, vice-president at large; Prof. R. B. Hudson, Selma, Ala., secretary; Rev. A. J. Stokes, Montgomery, Ala., treasurer; Rev. C. H. Parrish, D. D., Louisville, Ky., statistical secretary; Prof. M. M. Rodgers, Dallas, Texas, auditor; T. G. Ewing, Nashville, Tenn., and W. J. Latham, Jackson, Miss., attorneys.

There was not a building in Savannah large enough to hold the large crowd, the largest auditorium in the city being the First Africa Baptist church. They crowded in as best they could. Some of the strongest men in the Negro race took part on the program. Dr. E. C. Morris delivered a short address in calling to order the convention, telling the ministers that the responsibility for ten millions of people rested upon them, especially for the two and half million Negro Baptists in the United States, there was no time for disagreement in the ranks, but all should work as one for human uplift and saving the world for Christ.

Dr. Joseph A. Booker, of Little Rock, corresponding secretary for the foreign mission board, reported the work being done there for the home work under co-operative plan with the Southern Baptist convention. While much had been done to destroy the relation the white Baptists had looked into the work and stood ready to help in it. The condition of the work was reported in detail, taking up the number of miles traveled, the sermons preached by the missionaries and addresses delivered.

Rev. L. G. Jordan, whose very life is placed in foreign missions made a good report for the work done during the past 12 months in foreign missions. He spoke of some of the missionaries suffering and presented Miss Susie Taylor, who had recently returned from Africa. The board introduced a new feature which mean much to the whole race. A monument had been erected at the First Bryan Baptist church, in honor of the first missionary sent by the Baptists to foreign fields, George Lisle, who was also the first pastor of the oldest Negro Baptist church in the world.

Associate Corresponding Secretary, Rev. A. R. Griggs, made the report for Secretary Sutten E. Griggs, D. D. The Board is still planning for the erection of a theological seminary which will be erected at an early date. Dr. Griggs is giving his life to the work.

For the future of the National Baptist Benefit Board, there a number of important changes offered in the recommendations of Secretary J. M. Washington, of Helena, Ark. The Board was authorized to get a charter under Arkansas.

"Save the young people," was the plea of Rev. E. W. D. Isaacs, secretary of the National B. Y. P. U. Board, who is spending his life for the young people. This report dealt not alone with the Board, but it took up the social life of the young Negroes declaring that if the churches did not provide suitable social functions the world would and thereby rob the church of the best talent.

The main report made during the convention was that of Prof. S. P. Harris, who in the midst of great opposition, and all other odds against him had undertaken the work of getting out Sunday School literature for the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist convention. His story was pathetic, and when he had concluded $250 were placed on the table for the pending law suit. He was crowned a hero. The entire Baptist family present pledged support to him in the future.

Prof. M. M. Rodgers, auditor, made a good report.

Dr. R. R. Moton, principal of Tuskegee Institute, was the speaker for Friday night. During his life time, Dr. Booker T. Washington was the speaker, and Dr. Moton made an able address. He held his audience which numbered 5,000. When he had finished his address, resolutions offered by Prof. R. B. Hudson were passed indorsing his work at Tuskegee and pledging to it the support of the Negro Baptists. Dr. Moton was accompanied by Major Ramsey.

There were many social functions for the delegates and officers of the convention during the session.

LEXINGTON, KY.

By Clarence D. Jackson.

Hon. Charles E. Hughes opened the Republican campaign in Lexington, Ky., on Tuesday, September 5, at the Auditorium, in Woodland park. The Republicans will hear one of the best speeches ever made in Kentucky by any presidential candidate. Facts, figures and political gospel will be heard. The Republican headquarters in Louisville is sending out circulars and there will be thousands of people here to hear him speak. County Chairman Richard C. Stoll and committee have made all arrangements for this Republican rally. Kentucky will be carried this fall by the Republicans and like a tornado they will sweep everything before them.

The day Mr. Hughes speaks in Lexington will be the greatest political event since William J. Bryan spoke here in 1896. All roads will lead to Lexington, September 5.

Ed. Chenault and John E. McCann, better known as Pat McCann, were appointed by Hon. R. C. Stoll, members of the Fayette County Republican Committee.

Fayette County Colored Republican Reception Committee for Tuesday, September 5, are: George H. Minnis, chairman; Clarence D. Jackson, secretary; Jordan C. Jackson, Dr. W. H. Ballard, Colonel Porter B. Jackson, Dr. T. T. Wendell, Ed Willis, Ed W. Chenault, John H. Thomas, John E. McCann.

The Colored A. and M. Fair opened here today. It was organized in 1869 and is incorporated. The prospects are bright for a successful week. Hundreds pass through the fair grounds gates toda yand every train and intedurban is crowded coming to Lexington. This is the greatest race fair in America. For Kentuckians this is homecoming week. The attractions are better than ever and will please all. The famous Delmore Trio. acrobats extraordinary, who appear daily in skillful and daring feats on the trapeze and horizontal bars, and the La Croix's, one of the most clever and best equipped gymnastic teams on the road. A balloonist of national fame, noted for his spectacular ascents, will be seen daily.

The floral hall will prove a strong magnet for those interested in manufacturers, omestic and agricultural productions.

The Ninth Ohio National Guard band of Columbus, O., will furnish music for the A. and M. fair. Thomas J. Wilson, President, A. L. Harden, secretary, 135 North Mill street.

The famous Ninth Ohio National Guard band, of Columbus, Ohio, has a balladist by the name of Ralph Carter. He is the best singer heard in the Blue Grass region since the days of James A. Meyers, Scipio Munday and the immortal Willie Ellis. Such melody would please a king.

Madame C. J. Walker, the Hetty Green, of our race, is in Lexington this week and will visit the fair and lecture at the First Baptist church, corner East Short and Deweese street. She is one of the few distinguishd visitors this week.

The marriage of Miss Leora McElwaine Witt to Mr. Charles Allan Kelly, of Louisville and Kansas City, Mo., took place on Saturday evening at the home of Rev. R. H. Hill. The bride is the youngest of the three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Witt. The groom is a prosperous young business man and has gained many friends during his visits here. After the ceremony supper was served at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Richard Rogers, of Campbell street. Only the intimate friends and the immediate family were present.

Miss Kinky Caldwell, that sweet cabaret singer, can be heard each day and night of the fair at Steve Lee's cabaret, where the crowd goes. She has sung to thousands of people in the United States.

The Blue Grass has many entertainers this week. If you wish to be made happy, come to Dixieland. Kentucky is the gateway of the southland, and as an entertainer she stands out. Prof. George Tolliver, the piano king, is with Albert H. Smith's entertainers at Steve Lee's.

Mr. Smith, of the L. M. C. band, of Louisville, is a drawing card as usual. Miss Ethel Cardwell, of New York, is touring America with Prof. Smith's orchestra. Like Mme. Nordica, she is the best singer heard in Lexington for many years.

Mrs. William Clayborne, of 2118 Fulton street, Chicago, Ill., is visiting Mrs. Lucy Stone, of Warrentown, and Mrs. Carrie Givens, of 528 South Patterson street.

The Starlight Club gives a Flower Garden ball at Jackson's hall, Tuesday, August 29. Dancing from 9 to 2:30 a. m. Music by Garr's Saxaphone Trio. A. L. Porter, president; A. J. Logan, secretary, M. W. Shackleford, treasurer; Geo. D. Porter, sergeant; William Franklin Simpson, floor manager.

The Arcola club gives a fair ball Wednesday, August 30, at Jackson hall. Dancing from 9 to 2:30 a. m. Music by Montague's Saxaphone Trio.

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Last Sunday was a great day in Winston-Salem, a new epoch was marked in the Negro church life of the city, a new impetus was given the religious and philanthropic activities of the people. Dr. Rufus S. Stout, corresponding secretary of church extension of the Colored Methodist Episcopal church, came here from Pine Bluff, Ark., in the interest of his denomination. He spoke with such eloquence and power that he reached the hearts of the two wealthiest men in the city, Mr. R. J. Reynolds, tobacco king, and Mr. P. H. Hanes, another multi-millionaire. Col. Reynolds, after listening to this great race leader, gave him two lots worth $1.500 upon which to erect a fine C. M. E. temple, and then gave five thousand dollars to assist in the building. Dr. Stout is being praised far and wide for securing this magnificent gift from the wealthiest men in the south. Mr. Reynolds pays to the colored people of Winston-Salem, thirty thousand dollars per week for labor in his mammoth tobacco factories.

The ground breaking service for the new C. M. E. temple were held Sunday, when Rev. J. Arthur Hamlett, of Jackson, Tenn., editor Christian Index, official organ of the C. M. E. church, delivered the ground breaking sermon from the subject, "Holy Ground." Others who spoke during the day were, His Honor, the Mayor, Eaton; Drs. Boyer, McLarty and Courtney, of the white Methodist churches; Col. Hanes, a multi-millionaire; Prof. Thompson, Mrs. Sills and Mr. Cash. It was a great day in Winston-Salem and Dr. Stout has added another achievement to his already brilliant history as a great race worker.

VANCOUVER (B. C.) NOTES.

Mrs. Sarah Sims, 132 Lansdowne avenue, East., spent the week end at Squamish. She went to pay her husband, Joseph F. Sims, a visit. Mr. Sims is one of our leading chefs and has full charge of the private car to the general manager of the Pacific & Great Eastern railway. -- Dr. J. H. Hamilton, graduate of the New York School of Surgical Chiropody, has opened a set of beautiful offices in one of the leading office buildings in Vancouver. We wish him an abundance of success. -- Brooks and Bowen were the hit of the bill week before last at Pantages theater, although they followed a heavy act, "The Divorce Question." -- Johnson's Creole Orchestra is at Pantages week of September 4th. -- Oscar Wallace is employed as messenger in one of the largest haberdasher establishments on the coast. -- Mrs. Maymie Taylor, 2221 Pine street, and her mother, Mrs. Williams, left for a visit to Chicago, stopping at Winnipeg, St. Paul and Minneapolis. -- The Busy Bee Embroidery Club, composed of children ranging from 7 to 14 years of age, had a novel exhibit at the Vancouver exhibition, in the way of dresses made from flour sacks, showing through economy how one can be able to manufacture garments out of things that are usually cast aside and thrown in the waste basket. Mrs. Maymie Taylor, the organizer of this little band of girls, received commendable press notes for the grand work brought out by the children through her teaching. She was assisted in the work by Misses Ethel Wallace and Beatrice Sims of King Edward high school. -- The Freeman can always be found at either of Mr. Love's newsstands, next to Pantages' present quarters and across the street from their new theater which is being built.

ALTON, ILL., NEWS.

(By Pearl Curtis.)

Mr. George Arbuckle died September 3rd in Jacksonville and was buried Friday afternoon from A. M. E. church. Rev. Brown, Rev. Fisher, of Edwardsville, and Rev. Dickey officiated.

Mr. and Mr.s Lincoln Webster, of Streator, Ill., are visiting relatives here.

All public schools opened September 5th. Misses Georgia Walker, Aquillia Green and Gladys Coats and Cleo Williams entered the Alton high school.

Mrs. Florence Jones, of St. Louis, Mo., was in Alton last week visiting relatives. She was accompanied by Miss Julia Bass.

Mr. Roy Taylor and Miss Dimple Martin were quietly married September 6th in Upper Alton.

Mrs. Hattie Camel and her sister, Eunice, returned from Danville Tuesday.

Mrs. Mildred Stewart and children spent the past week in Edwardsville visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Minnie Allen and Mrs. Lucy Turner gave a whist party last Thursday night. Those who were present, Mr. Edgar Fleming, Miss Ida Watkins, Mr. Dick Green, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Curtis, Mr. James Johnson, Mrs. Jones, from St. Louis, Mr. Walter Hawkins. Several songs were rendered, as special, "Pray For the Lights to Go Out," sung by Desperate Dick Green. Luncheon was served.

DR. MOTON OF TUSKEGEE TOURS VIRGINIA.

FRANKLIN, Va., Sept. 1.—On Monday afternoon of this week, the beautiful lawn near the Cool Spring Baptist Church was crowded with white and Colored citizens of Southampton county who had gathered to hear the address of Dr. Rober R. Moton, principal of the Tuskegee Institute. Dr. Moton and a party of distinguished educators have been touring the state under the direction of the Negro Organization Society of Virginia.

Prof. J. G. Brown, principal of the Colored Public Schol presided and the firs speaker introduced was Commonwealth's Attorney, Hon. R. E. L. Watkins, who represented the mayor and delivered the address of welcome.

Prolonged applause greeted Dr. Moton when he came to the platform and the audience eagerly listened to him as he emphasized the importance of good health, better homes, better farms and better schools. Dr. Moton said: "Prove to the white people that an educated Negro is worth more to the community than an uneducated Negro and the white people will see to it that your children are educated."

The Tidewater News, a white paper published here comments, in part, as follows upon Dr. Moton's address: "It has not been our pleasure to hear an address more replete with common sense, god judgment and along more helpful lines than Dr. Moton's. His talk was an inspiration and made one more hopeful of the fuure of the Negro race in the South, if the race will heed and follow the precepts which their sincere and talented leader offers them as the only way in which the race may be saved from the ravages of disease and displacement by foreign immigration as farmers and laborers in the South. He emphasized industry, thrif, race pride, clean living and education."

Dr. Moton's party consisted of Major Allen Washington of Hampton Institute; President J. C. Grady, of the Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute, Petersburg; Dr. W. T. B. Williams, of Hampton Institute; Mr. R. R. Downing, Roanoke; Dr. A. A. Graham, Sate Grand Master of Masons; Mr. J. B. Pierce, Farm Demonstration Agent and Prof. T. Briggs, of Lynchburg.

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Maine goes to the Republican column. The Democrats are pulling out ancient figures, the only consolation they get.

Senator Taggart has gone on record concerning his views of the Negroes as soldiers. It may be political, but we can't get away from the record. He has been the first Democrat of the present administration to go out of his way to make a noise in the interest of the Negroes.

Slipping gently into winter. If we could have some of this summer's excess heat to pull down the winter to a reasonable average it would be in the interest of the poor. With food soaring and coal keeping fast company with food some gloomy days are promised. The cost of food is getting to be prohibitive. The government will be regulating our food supply as they do in Germany if this thing continues. Some will say Germany has no such right. True enough, but there was an emergency. A government is sometimes more than conforming to existing laws. It must take the bull by the horns in the interest of the people and not against them. How wise then must our representatives be—honest and fair. In event of emergency the power of venial, base men would be none the less.—From the "Mosses of an Old Manse."

The mob at Lima demonstrated two things. It showed that a determined sheriff can do much toward reducing the evil. And we say this with no little concern, since Ely, the man of that occasion suffered most. The loss of his daughter, owing to the intense excitement, was extremely unfortunate, practically robbing him and the Negroes of a victory over mob rule. The thoughtful of the race, doubtless feel personally aggrieved at the unfortunate happening, for surely it is not expected that any man keep the laws at such a severe cost. If the event can be fittingly memorialized it ought to be done. Indeed, his great effort to protect the Negro should not go unrewarded, not to speak of the sacrifice. The event stands alone, signally, the greatest singlehanded effort in the interest of a Negro known to the country. It was more than merely trying to carry out the mandates of the laws.

Both of the great parties are trying to draw consolation from the result of the Maine election. Politicians are afraid of that old saying, the way Maine goes so goes the general election. It does not mean a foregone conclusion, but it is very consoling to those of the party that wins in Maine, to know the choice of that state. The Republicans are jubilant because, through the victory they see a reunited party throughout the union. The Democrats are theorizing about the unusual small majority in a Republican stronghold—urging old figures to bolster up their hopes and as proof against the claims of the Republicans. The Republicans are working the old saying about how Maine goes to advantage. Clearly the Democrats are down in the mouth, regardless of Maine's normal Republicanism. They are affrighted by the scare crow of how Maine goes. The Republicans have the better of the situation, figures or no figures, and most likely they will push on stronger than ever, keeping up the rout of the Democrats.

Attention is called to an error in the editorial last week, "Knocking Segregation." We said the attorneys were white men. We are informed from Newport News, Va., the scene of the struggle to oust the segregating measures, that the attorneys, J. Thomas Newsome and W. R. Walker are Negroes. They are to be congratulated owing to the progress they have made in the case. The manager of the Newport News Star, speaking of Mr. Newsome, says:

Mr. Newsome is easily the foremost member of the bar of his race in Virginia, and is recognized as one of the ablest lawyers of the state, regardless of color, in criminal matters. The press of the state gives him unstinted praise, for he possesses a rare tact that enables him to drive his point with Pauline precision and force, while at the same time, he is courteous to his opponent and to the last degree deferential to the Court. Norfolk will witness next Monday, when the case is heard on its merits, a battle that will make the hearts of the Negroes proud that Mr. Newsome is black. Mr. Walker, too, is a strong and logical advocate, and will give a good account of himself.

Some of our race journals are taking a shot at Ben Tillman because he feels repentant for his past attitude to the North and the Negroes. They are of an unforgiving spirit, willing to see the old man pass away without straightening up his earthly accounts. This is entirely wrong. The good Master of the world teaches better than that. The priest is seeen hurrying to the dying, giving the last sacrament, hearing the last word, feeling that it is in consonance with His will that the eleventh hour derelict may usher safely into port if matters are ship-shaped. We do not choose to quarrel about what is called by some Mr. Tillman's death-bed repentance. On the other hand we see it quite as the father of the prodigal son. The heart warms up to those who, at last, confess that they have wronged us. The tears of the aged like those of the children, are mighty powerful. When the horny hand begins to dig in the eyes, then in the language of Shakespeare, "If you have any tears, prepare to shed them now." Ben Tillman or any of the rest of them are not without the pale of the affections of men unless they choose to be. "While the light holds out to burn the vilest sinner may return." Yes, and the oldest one.

The appointment of Mrs. Lelia Walters, wife of Bishop Walters, as clerk in the office of the Commissioner of Immigration at Ellis Island, N. Y., has drawn fire from the Negro press. It would be unfair to say that the whole press has had a say about the bishop's wife's appointment. Several publications, however, have commented one way or the other. As a rule they take President Wilson and the bishop to task for what they think to be a compromise in the thing of office seeking by Negro Democrats. We confess, and we feel to be very liberal about political happenings, that the appointment does strike one as a trifle humorous in view of the great expected. It reminds one of the old saying, "The mountain labored and brought forth a mouse." The bishop, nevertheless, is our friend. But friends can get in ludicrous situations just the same as any one else. As a personal matter the appointment is a splendid one—such as any of us would like to see coming to our wives—twelve hundred per annum, regardless of the annums. A good full one would help like everything in these strenuous times of high food prices. But it strikes us that brother Wilson is having a little fun with his colored constituents.

A national colored citizenship rights congress will be held at Washington, D. C., October 4 and 5, under the auspices of the National Equal Rights League. William Monroe Trotter, the correspondent, secretary and also the guiding genius of the movement, is urging that delegates be sent from churches, civic and literary societies, fraternal and other organizations in order to insure general representation. Such a congress cannot result in harm even if it only succeeds in getting together and possess resolutions in keeping with the demands of the day. The old axiom of, in unity there is strength is to be kept in mind. The simple process of assembling in the name of good has its effect. It is strange that there should be the necessity for such an assembly. That labor leader who said that the spirit of rapacity was rampant among men, and that each were interested in devouring each, was not very much out of the way. The gloss, the veneer of society hide much, but underneath there are signs that men are flying at their mutual throats. Organization is the bomb proof protection; so we have it among all classes to save against undue encroachment. The Negroes will profit by any and all organizations founded on justice to men, and which are conducted along that line.

DR. MOTON'S POSER.

Dr. Moton, of Tuskegee, in his recent speech at Franklin, Va., among other things said:

"Prove to the white people that an educated Negro is worth more to the community than an uneducated Negro and the white people will see to it that your children are educated."

This is said from somewhat of a patronizing viewpoint. but we guess it is correctly put, the inference being that we get our education from the white people, or do not get it at all. We do, in a manner, however, not in a direct way. The white people give more because they have more. They pay more by way of taxes because they own more, and thus we are to a large extent dependent on them for education.

Dr. Moton said very much in little. What is the educated Negro's status? What is the standing of the uneducated Negro? What is expected of the educated Negro? Are the educated and uneducated rated the same? Are the educated and the intelligent the same? It will take considerable inquiry and thought before these questions are satisfactorily threshed out. It looks as if the doctor has offered what is sometimes called a poser.

Our own race is not agreed that the activities or the educated and better-to-do classes are in conformity with what they should be. There is a decided breach between the "higher ups" and "lower downs," and which may or may not be for the best.

There are those who turn up their noses at the would-be aristocracy, and which aristocracy is as rigidly adhered to, at least, in form, by that "cult" as it is among similar groups of white people. There is a disposition of aloofness. Is it appreciated by the white people? Or do they frown on these smart folks who so aptly illustrate themselves?

How may a Negro best show his worth to the community—at once to the white people and the colored people? Are the races agreed as to who is the model Negro? We do not think the ideals would be the same. If this be true, it will not be an easy task to prove the more acceptable individual. The uneducated man may be as moral as the educated man, but not nearly so aggressive in looking after the race's general welfare. Which is the better in the instance? Which race does he serve best, thinking of them as they are thought of popularly? Yes, the doctor has sprung a poser. And according to old custom of riddles, he, himself must be able to answer, or pay the penalty.

SENATOR TAGGART.

In the issue of August 19, we called attention to a bill introduced in the House of Representatives at Washington, D. C., by Congressman Caraway having for its object the Negro hibiting of any person of the Negro or colored race from enlisting in the United States army or navy. We also called attention to the injustice of such a measure, not to speak of the indiscretion of introducing it when war breathed on every side of us. The stupidity of such a measure at such a time was alarming even from the viewpoint of white men, who feel not to have anything in common with the Negroes beyond their bare existence. We said at that time that the effort to alienate the civil affections of the ten million people with their possible one million of fighting men was no less than a treasonable design whether consciously or unconsciously committed. It was a colossal blunder, inviting a species of antagonism never dreamed of by the race, and the thought of which is not welcome to it.

Happily, the thought of such antagonism is being dispelled, at least, by one, the Democratic Senator from Indiana, our Mr. Taggart, the last to enter the general law making circles. He is opposed to the Caraway scheme of unmaking citizens, reducing their liberties instead of enlarging them, and which is the plain duty of any government. It is to be hoped that Senator Taggart is not alone in nipping this infamy in the bud. It is to be hoped that his opposition is the result of the better judgment of senators and representatives at Washington, thus insuring the essentials of citizenship and without which citizens are merely denizens; shapeless, characterless, meaningless things, no good to the race or to the general nation.

Senator Taggart on hearing of the "disabling" bill made inquiry in the upper house, of which he is a member, saying:

"My attention has been called to the bill to prevent the enlistment of Negroes in the military service of the United States. I addressed a letter to the Secretary of War on the subject and have received a reply from him. I ask that my letter, together with the reply of the Secretary of War and the bill referred to, which is short, may be printed in the Record."

The senator's letter was as follows:

Hon. Newton D. Baker,
Secretary of War.

Dear Mr. Secretary: My attention has been called to H. R. 17183, introduced in the House of Representatives July 27, 1916, which I am inclosing herewith.

This bill states that hereafter there shall not be enlisted or re-enlisted in the military service of the United States, either in the Army or Navy, any person of the Negro or colored race.

I feel sure that this bill does not meet with the wishes of the War Department. There are several occasions that call to my mind the valor and loyalty of the Negro soldiers, and only recently their bravery was shown at Carrizal, Mexico.

I am opposed to this bill.

Hoping to hear from your department that this bill does not meet with your approval, and with personal regards, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,
T. TAGGART.

We are pleased to note according to the Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker, that that department is also opposed to Mr. Caraway's wild notion. It is most assuring and greatly appreciated since it makes for the continued peaceful racial relations, and which, we think, will ever continue peaceful as long as the ground work of citizenship is not disturbed. His letter to Senator Taggart:

War Department,
Washington, August 30, 1916.

Hon. Thomas Taggart,
United States Senate.

My Dear Senator: I have received your letter of August 28 and read the copy of H. R. 17183 which you inclosed.

My attention had not been before called to this bill, and, so far as I know, it has not been referred to this department for opinion. The purpose of the bill is to prevent the enlistment or reenlistment of people of the colored race in the military service of the United States. Any such bill would receive the disapproval and adverse recommendation of this department.

Those who are familiar with the history of our country from the armies organized by George Washington in the American Revolution down to the present day know that brave and often conspicuously gallant service has been rendered by colored troops. In the most recent instance, at Carrizal, in Mexico, these colored troops conducted themselves with the greatest intrepidity, and reflected nothing but honor upon the uniform they wore.

Very truly yours,
NEWTON D. BAKER,
Secretary of War.

Senator Taggart, we take pleasure in saying, has kept the faith. We have in mind his studious regard for the Negroes from his youth up. It is agreed that he is a shrewd politician, but his success did not come through that kind of shrewdness that one is likely to think about at once. Out of office and in office he was in hailing distance to men in need. Perhaps, this was farsightedness; having an end in view; taking a long chance. But somehow we think that it was mostly pure Tom Taggart, and who could, under no circumstances get rid of his generous spirit; they were as one. So it can readily be inferred that it was the man who had the peculiar gift—all things else being added to him; the only witchcraft he knew in holding men to him. However, beyond this he was everlastingly true to his friends. He rode with them to victory and with the same unalterable purpose to defeat.

The country has now a sample of the Taggart touch—like that of Midas—turning everything to gold. In a material sense he has prospered, and through it all he has been as friend and brother to the colored people, ever surrounding himself with them in such positions as he consistently could put them. We have in mind his soiritual touch, winning men by his unbiased views of citizenship.

Of course, at this time, it will be said that the Indiana Senator is playing for effect. Let that be as it may. If it gets our race beyond the touch of infamous orders it will not matter by what name his activities be called. However, as we see it, he is not a man to sit quietly and hear to measures that are so fraught with danger to the Negroes and to the entire country without a voice of protest. He is before the voters of Indiana for election to his present position. His political views are known, as it concerns the party of which he is a member. We could not do otherwise than present him as he is; for if we did we would show less concern for him than he has shown for us.

Bert Williams is a philosopher as well as a comedian. Among other wise things he says: "There's no such thing as 'social equality.' The poor white man 'kids' himself into believing he is as good as any other white man. The rich white man derives much solace from contemplation of how much better he is than the poor white man. The colored man with money has it all over the white man who is without money. The Colored man who tries to get into the white man's class usually makes a bad mess of it. The Colored man who holds himself detached is happiest. The whole proposition of social distinction, viewed from a detached position, is humorous. I have no social ambition myself. Individualism is the guide-word. My remedy? Social distinctions are inevitable. If there are public places that do not wish to serve me, they are the places I do not care to patronize. My answer to all who ask what is to be one about the social problem, in its relation to the Negro race is the same. 'You are a Colored man; then, be just what you are. Develop yourself individually, and you will be more distinguished than if you were merged into the mass of white men most of whom live humble lives, never gain any prominence in the world.'" This is worth thinking about.

Notice! The Freeman is on sale at C. T. Herndons' barber shop, 285 Antoine street, Detroit, Mich.

JACK TROTTER'S NEW YORK NOTES of STAGE AND SPORT

THE COLORED BRANCH OF THE WHITE RATS HOLD FIRST OPEN MEETING.

After the Airing of Its Objects and Purposes, in the Presence of a Large-sized Audience, Mr. Farrell, Local Organizer, Receives Many Applications for Membership.

With a view to making the aims, objects and purposes of the Colored Branch of the White Rats Union thoroughly understood by the Colored vaudeville artists in this city, Mr. William H. Farrell, chief organizer of local No. 15, held at the New Lincoln Theater (courtesy extended by that management) on last Friday evening, September 8th, the first open meeting of the organization and offered as the principal speakers, no less personages than Mr. Harry Mountford, the International Executive of the White Rats Actors' Union of America, and Mr. Ernest Carr, local executive.

Considering the number of Colored acts which are at present out of the city, the meeting was attended by a fair sized body of professionals who manifested large interest in the proceedings. Conspiciously among those present were the faces of many of the old time performers.

Mr. Mountford's address in the main was along the lines of strength there is to be had through organization. He further discussed unionism as being the all-important factor to the ends of gaining fair treatment from theater managers and agents. He held out an invitation to every Colored vaudevillian in the entire country to join the White Rats, whose membership now exceeds 19,000 people, so that equal protection and opportunities of that organization could be enjoyed by all alike. He let out no words of the sledge hammer or big stick variety to compel enrollment in the union, but he did make plain to every person gathered there that the time was not far off when the White Rats Actors' Union would be able to dictate the bill of players for almost every theater operated in the whole United States. During his speech, Mr. Mountford cited many points in illustration of the even now tremendous power of this great organization. One, a recent occurrence which happened in St. Louis, Mo., he said was a sister team that had played at a theater for a week. On completing their final act on a Saturday night and wanting to make the midnight train to another city in which they were booked to show, they rushed into the theater manager's office for their pay, and was promptly chased out by that individual with a butcher knife.

Realizing the time they would lose in bringing suit on the house for the money this team took advantage of their membership in the White Rats Union and notified the speaker of the outrage committed. The following morning that theater manager received a visit from the White Rats' St. Louis representative with a demand for the actresses' salaries. The manager emphatically refused. Then said the representative, go behind and you will find every act on your bill closed. The manager went behind and found every act ready to move out unless he immediately paid those lady performers. He complied at once.

In the audience, though, there were a few people who took exception to the White Rats attempt to unionize Colored performers in the face of an attempt made on their part a few years back to impede the progress of the Colored artist. Notably among these were the protests advanced by Mr. Leon Williams, an old-time showman, and an ex-president of the Colored Vaudeville Benevolent Association. Mr. Williams asked Mr. Mountford to kindly enlighten him on the reasons back of this movement. He further stated that it was only a few years back that the White Rats had backed Walter Kelly (The Virginia Judge) in a fight on the late William Hammerstien, to reduce the then famous team of Williams & Walker from the position of headliners of the Hammerstien Victoria Theater. Mr. Williams contended that the White Rats then did not want the Colored actors and that he wished to be informed what was at the bottom of this movement to make them wanted now.

Mr. Mountford stated in reply to Mr. Williams' questions that at the time of the mentioned occurrences that he had not become affiliated with the White Rats, which was then composed of only a comparatively small body of members. But that in the latter part of 1907 he had arrived in this country for the first time, and a short time afterwards had joined this association. From that time to 1911 he stated that he had devoted his entire energies to developing the strength of the White Rats Union by organizing branches everywhere that an actor or actress could be found. From 1911 to 1915 he had resigned from the union, returning only this year to resume his work of organizing which he had started developing years previous. At the end of Mr. Mountford's speech the audience signified its appreciation by long and earnest applause. Many impromptu speeches were made by professionals in the audience who voiced their thanks for themselves and colleagues for the opportunity of becoming identified as members of such an organization as the "White Rats Union of America."

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New Lincoln Theater Opens Its Winter Season With Four All Star Colored Stock Companies, to Play at the New Lincoln and in a Chain of Theaters Established in Southern Cities.

The New Lincoln Theater in its brand new autumn's dress will on Monday, October 9th, open doors to its vast clientele for the winter season, entering upon the second year of presenting Colored players in dramatics. While the success attained by this house in its initial effort in this line was unprecedented, plans have been made by the energetic New Lincoln manager, Mr. Billie Burke, to present such a string of Broadway's very latest successes that the Colored public of New York and other cities will gasp in tulmultous astonishment. It can be said that all of Colored New York has been for weeks watching with a sort of curious excitement for some sign of the mysterious and potential developments which have been whispered would take place on the date of the New Lincoln's fall opening.

Now that the opening date is fast approaching, the cat is out of the bag, and we learn that the one pet prize package which will be delivered to the colored people embracing this and many Southern cities by the New Lincoln's progressive management, will be four separately formed stock companies, composed of all star Colored players.

Speculation is rife as to what people will make up the four new companies that will work under the name of the New Lincoln Stock Players. This feeling of curiosity which is being evidenced by the Colored public however is nothing unusual, since the arrival of Mr. Burke as the manager of this house. Seldom has a week passed, even during those days when the heat waves from the burning sun actually paralyzed almost every kind of business, has the fertile mind of this young manager failed to invent some new or novel something that always served to hold the warmest interest of the theater-going public.

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At the Lafayette Last Week.

The Colored players who presented "At Bay" at the Lafayette Theater last week has made it more and more apparent that "drama" by an entire Colored cast will live in this and other cities for many years to come. The manner in which the three companies of the Elite Amusement corporation have always arisen to a more than satisfactory presentation of each production given, has successfully created out of an at first skeptical if not hostile theater-goer, a real live and interested first day attendant.

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This Week, "Within The Law."

"Within The Law," made up of an almost new cast of players from the ones who were first seen in this wonderful production at the Lafayette theatre last spring, is doing as big a business as if it had never before been shown here. Mrs. Chas. H. Anderson is about the only one of the original company in the cast.. Her work in the leading role is making an even stronger impression upon her audiences than she made in its first appearance. With all of this, Mrs. Anderson is surrounded with one of the strongest selections of players that have ever been developed. New York is paying homage to the excellent quality of acting done by the company and is accordingly keeping the play-house packed with a nightly attendance.

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Miss Cleo Desmond, Artist.

We have long waited for the time to come, that our little comment of appreciation could be slipped in between the many written laudations of fellow contribs. But now that we have the opportunity, our original stock of high opinions have dwarfed considerably through the inexhaustible amount of really good things various writers have been telling you about her. Therefore, we are well aware that we're not saying exactly new by stating that Miss Desmond meets our idea to the minute—of being all there is—in acting.

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Another Player Who Knows How to Play.

It is always a positive delight for us to attend a play in which Mr. Chas. G. Taylor is working. He has even at this early period of his stage experience, developed the habit of putting good red blood into the characters which he assumes. In last week's play "At Bay" Mr. Taylor gave a life-like portrayal of a New York police inspector. His work was that of an artist having the utmost confidence in his own ability He is neither timid in the handling of parts or in the acting of them His "stage business" is always carried through with precision and yet without a semblance of stiffness. He has fine speaking voice and a crisp, clean-cut pronunciation Yes, friends, Mr. Chas. G. Taylor is good.

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Eddie Brown—Juvenile.

John Edward Brown, is the name he uses on the program, but we only know him as just plain "Eddie." Until Henry S. Creamer and Alex Rogers combined in the writing and producing of "The Old Man's Boy," a couple of years ago, Eddie had never entertained any serious notion of a career on the stage. True, it was, he had in amateur church and club productions, shown more than ordinary promise, but to depend upon his ability to act to earn him his salt and meat along with enough fame to keep his salary going higher up, never had any reason to enter his head. But as we have just mentioned, along came Creamer and Rogers' "Old Man's Boy" and along went Eddie with it. When that show returned to New York, Eddie Brown was just about as good an actor for his years as there could be found anywhere in this country. The big roles which he sometimes handles in the big plays that are produced by the Elite Amusement Company have done much to aid Eddie up to his present development. Being blessed with a hungry passion to learn all that he can about his chosen profession, it is nothing more than right to believe that this youth by his always improving work, will be soon seen doing the leading juvenile in some of the plays which will soon be produced at the Lafayette theatre.

RESENTS PASTOR MAKING A PAY SHOW OF JOHN LEUBRIE HILL'S FUNERAL.

Miss Minnie Brown States the Reverend Gentleman Indulged in Remarks During the Course of Services That Would Have Added to the Comedy Laurels of John Rucker Himself—She Suggests to the Profession to Have Less Ostentation and More Simplicity at Their Funerals.

(By Minnie Brown.)

Did you ever attend a five cent show, where you pay a nickel and stay all day? Well, that's what Rev. W. W. Brown, of the Metropolitan Baptist Church made of John Leubrie Hill's funeral for the benefit of his congregation last Sunday.

"There's going to be a funeral here and they're going to have an orchestra and singing. Those who want to stay put a nickel in the collection basket for this vacation fund, and I'll see that the ushers don't more you from your seats." This statement with the following one, "There's a funeral outside, but the funeral ain't helping me; the funeral can wait till I get my money for my vacation," was what one heard if one happened in the above mentioned church before the services closed on last Sunday. It is impossible to conceive a funeral service conducted with less dignity, less solemnity than that, over the remains of the late J. Leubrie Hill.

The family was at the church at one o'clock, as requested by the pastor. They were allowed to enter the church at a quarter of two (we judge that the vacation fund must have at least been on its way to completion).

The pastor commenced his funeral sermon by criticising the musical part of the program that had preceded, for its absence of solemnity. In this he was not entirely wrong. The singing of the C. B. V. A. Glee Club and the solo splendidly rendered by Miss Mitchell would have been quite sufficient. We would advise our professional brethern to have less ostentation at their funerals. Simplicity is the keynote of solemnity.

Rev. Brown admonished the profession to lead clean, wholesome lives, and stated that he in no way found fault with the stage from the standpoint of earning a livelihood. He then took occasion to expand on the fact that the immense congregation was not there because of the funeral, but it was of this size at all times and all services. This remark with a few others throughout the service brought forth laughs from the congregation that would have done credit to John Rucker.

During this trying service, we received at least one note of comfort. The pastor stated he believed Mr. Hill, who had sent for him and asked to "help him find Jesus," was a saved man, for his entire congregation and himself had prayed for Mr. Hill, and he believed that God answered prayer.

At this point we must commend the beautiful prayer and wonderful benediction that opened and closed the services, by Rev. A. A. Crooke of Rush Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church. They were indeed "oil on the troubled waters," and much needed after the terrible strain undergone that afternoon. We know that many professional people are, after that experience, condemning all ministers. This is unfair. We have in mind four wonderful ministers of Christ in this city who would have preached a sermon that would have had admonition as well as comfort and would have caused more than one soul to think seriously for some time to come.

There was a great deal of criticism offered as to the Episcopal funeral service conducted over the remains of the late Aida Overton-Walker, but far better a service of prayer and song than such as we sat through last Sunday. It was hard enough for intelligent members of the race to listen to such a service, but imagine our chagrin when we looked over the congregation and found white friends of Mr. Hill and other members of the profession who had assembled to pay their last respect.

Rev. Brown announced that Mr. Hill had given two entertainments for his church that netted $318.00, and this Mr. Hill turned over to the church freely. We feel that the contribution might have merited more respect if nothing else could.

We learn through a local paper that the entire vacation fund amounted to $710.00, and a suit of clothes went with it. We also know that the act gathering up the fragments on last Sunday has made Rev. Brown lose the respect of many an individual as an earthly representative of Christ.

Slim Mason, the globe trotter, from coast to coast with the Barnum & Bailey Shows, will go out with a big act this winter.

ALEXANDER TOLLIVER'S BIG SHOW.

(By Al Wells.)

Week of Sept. 4th found the big show still in the city of Richmond, Va., and as usual drawing the crowd. The show has made a great reputation in Richmond this season, as we have showed to a bigger white audience than any Colored show that has placed this city and to the better class of white people, but when you look over the following programs it is plain to be seen why the big show has such grand success. After a big singing and dancing opening chorus then comes the following acts: Peg Lightfoot, the one-leg dancing wonder, single, then for a change team wtih Joddie Edwards, Ma Rainey, Clara Smith and Evelyn White (all singles), who are assassinators of the blues and coon shouters that are hard to beat. Martin and Washington singing, dancing and talking; Tressie Leggs, singing and dancing; Knox and Ramsey, singing, dancing and talking; Daisy Martin, singing; Leggs and McGinty, singing and talking; Love and Nappil, singing, dancing and talking; Tolliver monologue and roller skate dance. Now comes a line of novelty acts that are hard to beat. Great Adams, trick bicyclist, Roxie Cladwell, the atheistic girl, who deserves great credit. Her work consists of hoops and chairs; Charles Gaines in a novel fire escape act; Albert Gaines, wire walking; Wells and Wells, high trapeze act; Gaines Bros., acrobatic act; Wells and Gaines, ring act; Wells and Gaines Bros. in a double trapeze act; then the acrobatic troupe, five in number, goes to make up the largest and greatest Colored show in America.

STAGE NOTES.

Harry Brown, singing cartoonist, is on the job; on the Western Vaudeville time.

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Lester McDaniel, the trick bicycle rider and comedian, died at his home, 112 Logan street, Greenville, South Carolina, July 1st.

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Roland W. Hayes, singer, will be at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Indianapolis, September 28th. Mr. Hayes is one of the leading singers of America.

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String Beans and Benbow Co. are in Detroit cleaning up. They opened Monday evening in front of a full house each show. The manager, Mr. Dudley, is feeling fine this week and we hope he will feel the same next week. Would like to hear from some good girls who can sing and dance. Write me at once care Freeman.

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The Strand Theatere, Jacksonville, Fla., is now playing high class vaudeville and feature pictures, and is enjoying the best of business. Jimmie and Baby Cox have just spent a pleasant two week's engagement with us, Baby Cox becoming a great favorite with the Jacksonville Theater goers. Monkey Johnson, the old time Cook Shouter, is on the bill this week, together with McGarr and Hill. The bunch sends regards to all friends and suggests that they write the management of the Strand for booking.

TEN DARK KNIGHTS.

(Pearl Moppin.)

We were headliners at the Unique Theatre, Minneapolis, Minn., the last half of the week and were the big hit of the bill as usual. The big dailies gave the Knights some very flattering press notices.

This is State fair week here and the city full of visitors, the theatre being packed at each performance and the enthusiastic audience forced the Knights to take several curtain calls and numerous bows. We also had the pleasure of meeting Wycliff's Famous Ginger Band and all had a great time.

We have a company that get among the best of society and stop with the best private families of the different cities.

While in Des Moines, Iowa, we had the pleasure of being entertained at the palatial residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fields. The Knights were royally received and among the many guests were Miss M. Sears, Miss Marguerite Fegano, Miss Ida May Crews. Singing and music interspersed with wit and humor by our star comedian, James Brooks, were enjoyed by all.

Our wee comedian and snare drummer, Mr. Gilbert Hicks, is a comer, so you old-timers look out.

Mr. George Wright says hello, Claybrooks and McKissick.

Second week and everything fine and dandy; act is rounding to perfection.

Regards to Mrs. Claybrooks and Shadney. Aaron C. Thompson sends best regards to P. G. Lowery and company; also the Busby Minstrels. Gilbert Hicks wishes to be remembered to his Baltimore friends. William Israel says Jack Johnson and Bob Edmonds answer my letters.

Too much praise cannot be given our able stage manager, Mr. George Anderson, who takes so much pains and interest in each member so as to have this act just as smooth, exact and in unity that it goes like clock work.

Our able manager and owner, Mr. Henderson Smith, is a showman of rare ability and he deserves to be called the Barnum of Colored vaudeville acts. He has this act booked solid on time time owing to his hustling ability and able management. Best to all.

AT THE DOUGLASS THEATER, MACON, GA.

"Aristocracy Six," who is that? Richardson and Richardson, Thornton and Watts. After closing two successful weeks in Atlanta, Ga., opened at Douglass Theatre. The whole entire bill was a scream from start to finish. "The Aristocracy Six," directed by Mr. George D. Lomax, Jimmie Dick, that singing, dancing and talking comedian, manager of the Ockmulgee park, Macon, Ga., is meeting with much success, says hello, to friends. Will be on the job with a new act this season. Address mail to 338 Madison street, this city.

ENTERTAINS IN HONOR OF CALIFORNIA GUEST.

(New York City Special.)

Mrs. Jas. O. Miller, of 145 West 135th street, gave a lovely luncheon in honor of her guest, Mrs. H. S. Baldwin, of California, who was sent to Baltimore as a delegate to the National Federation of Women's Clubs; also Mrs. King, chairman Sorzourner Home, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. M. Bates, State Representative of the Women's Federation Club of Los Angeles, Cal. Others present were: Mrs. George Elzey, Miss Bertha Hartgroe, Misses Alma and Sadie Wilson, Miss Foster, Miss Boyd. Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Baldwin left the city Sept. 10, for the B. M. C. convention in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Miller made a very charming hostess.

THE MANHATTAN STOCK CO.

After a most successful week at Louisville, the Manhattan Stock Co., headed by B. E. Edwards, the celebrated tenor, opened up at the Lincoln Theater, Nashville, Tenn., to one of the largest crowds that had ever been in the theater since it opened. They played to 1,100 paid admissions. They were only booked for one week, but after the first night, they were immediately signed up for two or more weeks. The roster of the company follows: Wm. Rogers, who takes the comedy and handles it like a veteran. John Gertrude as a monologist went big while B. E. Edwards, the celebrated tenor singer, assisted by Estelle Wilson, the pleasing saprano, was the real big noise. Princess Regusterus was also a big hit of the evening. Thomas and Thomas, hoop contortionists, went big, and the folks are still talking about them. The rest of the company are Oma Starks, Wm. Williams. Edmonia Henderson. The bunch sends regards to all friends.

GOSSIP OF PLAYS AND PLEYER-FOLK IN WASHINGTON.

(By R. W. Thompson.)

The fall season is in full swing.

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Floyd Turner's stock company is at Dudley's.

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Miss Theresa Burroughs-Brooks is moving eastward by easy stages.

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Tolliver's Big Show, with Daisy Martin and a bunch of top-notchers, is headed this way.

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"The Egg Eaters" are in evidence nightly at the "Egg Harbor" on 14th St. A championship contest is said to be in the air.

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Salem Tutt Whitney's "Smart Set" come week of October 2 in the new musical comedy skit "How Newton Prepared and Bullion Fared."

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The Howard is to have vaudeville by the Broadway Players on Saturday nights to vary the bill. All of the players can sing, dance and do high-class acts of every kind.

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Misses Ethel and Nina Marshall, together with a young lady not known, have formed a trio and will be seen in the East shortly. The party is now in Cincinnati rehearsing the act.

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"Madame X" is in preparation for early presentation. Mr. A. C. Winn, one of America's greatest dramatic instructors, is here conducting rehearsals on the stage of the Howard.

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Miss Abbie Mitchell is to be "Madame X" in the coming production of that great emotional masterpiece. Walker Thompson will be the brilliant young lawyer who pleads in the tense trial scene in the final act

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Miss Deany George is to return to the Quality Amusement Corporation's roster at an early date. She is one of the most promising ingenues this brilliant aggregation has brought to the capital, and is immensely popular.

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Word comes that "Within the Law" is pulling thousands of Baltimore's best people this week at the Colonial Theatre. "Bob" Young is "some punks" as a manager and Baltimore will do the right thing under his skilled guidance.

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Miss Desdemona Barnett is making a brilliant success as manager of the S. H. Dudley Theatrical Enterprises. She is quiet, but firm, and has a knack of getting things done. Miss Barnett directs affairs at Dudley's Theatre and as crowded houses nightly, with a good bill to offer the people at all times.

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Mr. C. Duane Tilghman, who won favor recently in Billy King's production of "Ten Nights in a Barroom," will probably join hands with the Quality Amusement Corporation for leading heavies. Mr. Tilghman gave a wonderful portrayal of the liquor fiend, "Joe Morgan," in Mr. King's company and is famous for his musical bass voice. Mr. Tilghman has been spending the summer at Atlantic City.

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Miss Laura Bowman is unexcelled as a character artist, and gives a finished performance of her roles, be they emotional, comedy or musical. She possesses a stately personality that attracts universal admiration, wears her clothes well, and can sing, do "tragics" cr evoke screams of laughter, with equal facility, just as the occasion may require. As "Mrs. Carr" Miss Bowman adds new laurels to her richly-bedecked crown.

FOSTERS RAISE PENNANT AND BEAT GUNTHERS, 6-2.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 12.—American Giants raised the banner emblematic of the world's baseball championship at Schorling's park Sunday and then took a 6 to 2 fall out of the Gunthers. Edward R. Litzinger, donor of the flag, made the presentation before 4,000 fans. Score:

American Giants	R	H	P	A
Barber, c. f.	1	1	1	0
Hill, l. f.	2	2	1	2
Duncan, r. f.	2	2	2	0
Lloyd, s. s.	0	1	3	1
Francis, 3b.	0	1	2	1
Grant, 1b.	0	1	8	0
Hayes, c.	0	0	9	0
B'man, 2b.	0	0	1	4
Johnson, p.	1	3	0	3
Totals	6	11	27	11
Gunthers	R	H	P	A
Ginners, s. s.	0	0	1	1
Regan, l. f.	0	1	1	0
Bjoin, c. f.	1	2	0	0
Hutton, 1b.	0	1	12	0
Stock, r. f.	1	1	3	0
Hofman, 2b.	0	0	2	9
McIn'ry, 3b.	0	2	0	1
Fleming, c.	0	0	5	1
Heath, p.	0	2	0	3
Totals	2	9	24	15

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Gunthers 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2—2

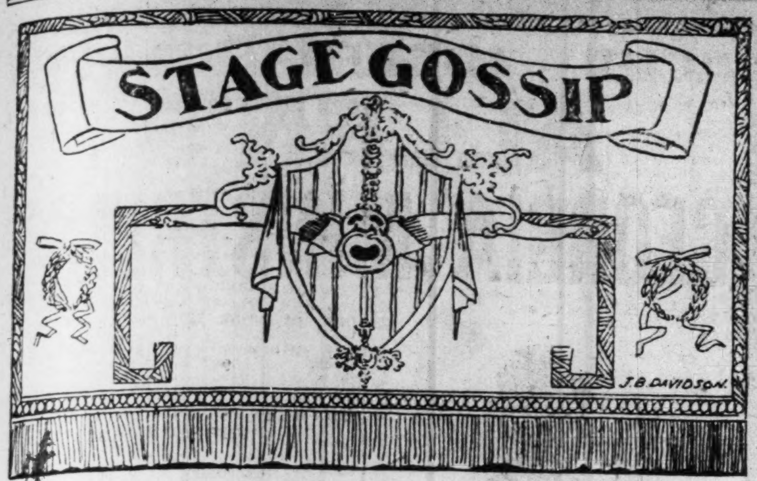
Errors—McInery, Hutton, Ginners. Two base hits—Duncan, Bjoin, Heath. Struck out—Johnson, 6; Heath, 3. Bases on balls—Johnson, 1; Heath, 2. Umpire—Miller.

HENRY GREY'S SUNDAY.

The Henry Greys will play the American Giants Sunday, Sept 17th. This team beat Rube in the opening game of the season.

BILLY JOHNSON FOUND DEAD OUTSIDE OF A CHICAGO CLUB.

The original Billy Johnson, formerly of the first original Cole & Johnson, was found dead in the front yard of a rear club at 3510 State street, Chicago, Ill., on Tuesday morning, September 12. Mr. Johnson had frequented the club and whether his death was the result of intoxication, foul play or an accident is not yet known. Full report of Mr. Johnson's theatrical career will appear in the next issue by Sylvester Russell.



STAGE NOTES.

Minstrel Morris, Empire Theatre this week, Latrobe, Pa.; next week, Thomas Theatre, Sharon, Pa.

The Jalvans were at Keith's Theatre, Richmond, Ind., Sept. 11, 12 and 13. The last half they are at Bloomington, Ind.

Whitmore's and Murphy's Stock Co. opened at Franklin, Ky., Saturday night, Sept. 9th, to a turn-away business.

Mr. Tim Owsley, the "Wizard," after a three months' sojourn in Jacksonville, Fla., and other points South, has returned to Indianapolis.

Chas. Anderson and company opened in Denora, Pa., Music Hall, week of Sept. 11, and was a riot. Some show. Manager, Billy Ward.

Hudgins & Bumbray, week of Sept. 11th, Columbus, O., Lyceum Theatre, with the Monte Carlo Girls, booked solid until June, 1917.

Miss Sebrina A. King, the Texas Soubrette, and Mr. Louis Whiten were quietly married August 17th at Fort Worth, Texas. Hello, Bob Gant, with the Huntington Minstrels.

Drake & Walker's Bombay Girls now playing the Opera Houses. This week, Salem, N. J.; week of Sept. 19th, Pottstown, Pa.; week of 25th, Coatsville, Pa. Griffith & Weil Agency (Inc.).

Thomas A. Brook is with the Hearst of Dixie, a white company which has a route of forty weeks. This week Modern Theatre Providence, R. I., with Castle Square Theatre, Boston, to follow.

Charlie Chicken Jones, who is now at the Georgia State Sanitorium at Milledgeville, would like to hear from Mack and Mack, Blank Sisters, Lena Wilson, Kelly and Davis, Robert and May Kemp and Kid H. Thomas.

Kelly & Davis open the season Sept. 11th at Lynn, Mass.; 18th, Utica, N. Y.; 25th, Rochester, N. Y.; 30th, Trenton, N. J. They open with Eva Tanguay's Show, October 4th, in New York for season. Harry Shea is their agent.

Mayes and Mayes are now in Boston, Mass., 125 Dartmouth St., where they will spend a few months. They are arranging for a new act, which will be written by one of the oldest and best producers in the New England States. The act will be tried out in one of the leading theatres in Boston. Hello, Kinsey and Kinsey. Regards to all friends.

Mr. Russell Smith the music writer and composer ,and the premier entertainer of Indianapolis has just signed a two years' contract with the Severin Hotel people. Mr. Smith has been at the Severin now for two years. The white orchestras change at least once every two months, but Russell continues to be the favorite. Those who will be in Mr. Smith's orchestra this winter are Frank Fowler Brown, Jesse Baltimore, Theodore Cable, Elmer Herron, Ben Holliman and Will Williamson. Mr. Frank Brown, who has been in Long Branch, N. J., this summer at the famous Price's Road House, will return to Indianapolis some time next week.

IRVIN C. MILLER'S MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY.

In Their Second Week At the Washington Theatre, Indianapolis—New Presentations, Abounding In Bright Spots—Esther Bigeou a Show Genius.

Irwin C. Miller's musical comedy combination is in its second week at the Washington Theater. Last week's show was a pace setter for an up-to-date show of quality. It showed the possibilities of the leaders for the legitimate. This week there's more of the farcial, downright fun, and which begins the moment the curtain goes up.

Mr. Miller has conceived and worked out a new kind of opening. The stage is stagey in appearance, with special drops and other furnishings, giving the very much desired theatrical atmosphere. He is not content with the chorus bunch merely singing with a few movements in keeping; his bunch is very live, happy, doing various picturesque turns and which gets sympathy of the audience at the jump. The opening was in a music store, and which had all the appearances of what it stood for. A recall for the opening this week as it was last week. This says very much for the staging and conduct of the introduction.

Esther Bigeou.

Esther Bigeou deserves to be known as the show genius or the show inspiration. She deserves it for earnest effort to please and her downright accomplishments. This week she was seen all through the work looking always as the artist's last and best touches to his pictures. The chorus were prettier, more musical, more spirited because of her, who regardless of her standout personality threw herself in the marches and prances, adding greatly to the effect of the many pretty groups they presented. Her special numbers were distinguished as usual.

Irwin C. Miller.

Mr. Miller is of a most pleasant personality. His schooling together with his experience and observation has made for a master mind for the stage business. One can readily see what he had in mind between the two curtains—up and down. His idea is boldly carried out by the performers, and as he boldly presents it to them. His black face work with Gus Butler in the music store was full of fun, making a fine entertainment. As a comedian, he is also strikingly like Bob Cole, furnishing plenty fast, snappy stuff with no especially borrowed mannerisms, making for a better line of commedianism, and which does not depend on a grotesque makeup to get by.

Gus Butler.

Mr. Butler has fuller scope this week, and something he seems to like better. The show practically swings about him who is the center of attraction in the store, owing to his musical ability, especially to do rags. Butler did some popular tunes, touched up a bit of the classics, but nothing doing until he struck up the "Blues"—every body happy. The audience was consoled at once when the favorite strains were heard. Butler added to his reputation as a comedian and a "putter over" of the blues.

Trixie Butler.

Dainty Trixie Butler was heard in a pleasing song number. All through her work was attractive. Miss Butler is a handsome little brown with a smile that is bewitching and which she wears on and off of the stage. She costumes nicely.

Margaret Ricks.

Another pleasing personality is Margaret Ricks, who sang a well received song number. She is taking in her stage presence; has a good voice.

Rastus Calloway.

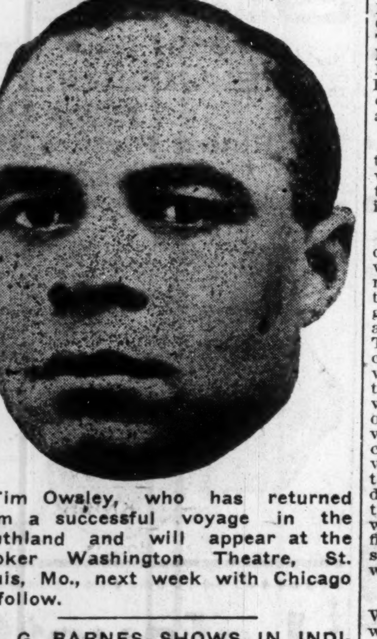
In the stunt, training for the act, Rastus Calloway shows up as an individual who knows how to use his feet. This feature of the show made one of the happiest hits. Here was something wholly different if not wholly new, making for a series of pretty pictures with which this show abounds. The others of the company are Lula Whidby, Essie Whidby, Georgia Wiggins and Robert L. Perry.

From all indications Miller and his bunch will have plain sailing from this time on. He has got what is wanted by way of theatrical amusement. They are a successful box office attraction, consequently managers need not stand back.

KID THOMAS

Kid Thomas, who has just returned to Indianapolis after an absence of two years with a new act, is a scream from start to finish. His funny make-up and his lively opening catches the audience right on the jump. He is featuring good songs, and he never

fails to make good. Managers and booking agents should book this act if you are looking for something good. All mail will reach him at the Freeman office. He is well known all over the country. Mr. Jimmy Nicholson, of the Columbia Theatre, Indianapolis, declares that he is great in his line of work.



Tim Owsley, who has returned from a successful voyage in the Southland and will appear at the Booker Washington Theatre, St. Louis, Mo., next week with Chicago to follow.

AL. G. BARNES SHOWS IN INDIANAPOLIS—SAW THE "CAP'N" BOSS.

Al. G. Barnes as a showman is a new one to most of the Indianapolitans. Just the same they concluded to take him in on last Monday when he hit the town.

The show features trained wild animals, that department consequently was well represented by the denizens of the forests.

The parade made the town as usual, and appeared about as usual; however, not so long as some of those of the greater shows. The horses and ponies were attractive. The elephants were there, and the camels, the pieces-deresistence of any show.

Al. G. Barnes under his big white top features one clown and one black face artist, who are colored. The clown is Alfred Anderson who features a boxing kangaroo, a bucking mule and a turning table. The head elephant trainer is also a colored man, who has been with the show for several years.

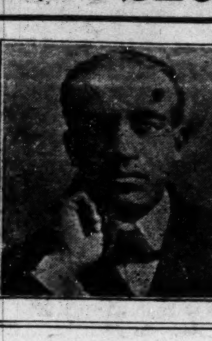
Laid eyes on the distinguished Mr. Al. G. Barnes; shook hands with him; talked with him. It's something for a show fan to get to see the real head of the business. Mr. Barnes has a fine bearing; tall, a trifle angular, reminding one of the pictures of John D. Rockfeller. He is not in the least decrepid. But rather agile; appearing as an Indian—straight and vigorous. His hair is white, adorning a face somewhat meagre and which is at once pleasant and earnest, and withal a trifle ruddy, due perhaps to high living. He dresses in the heighth of fashion, tending to the sport idea in his clothes. He wore a bit of jewelry, including a rich appearing solitaire. I think he wore an Elk emblem. His coat was of the latest design frock. His collar was soft silk, as also was his shirt. Dan P. Dozier, colored, is his valet.

Made the acquaintance of all the principal men performers and trainers through the courtesy of Mr. Anderson, and whose guest I was at the evening meal. Among these men were Bert Leo, of singing mule fame; Eddie Butler, of the llamas. Butler is colored.

BILLY LEWIS.

Read The Freeman and get all the Lansing news.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC



CHICAGO WEEKLY REVIEW

By Sylvester Russell

HOLIDAY IN DIXIELAND PLEASES AT THE GRAND.

Copeland & Payton and Gorman Brothers Drew Big Houses.

Lively dancers and a good lively chorus were features of "Holiday in Dixieland," Mastin Richards' big act which pleased in rollicking scenes of plantation activities. Virgie Richards, the sweet soprano, sang, "Goodbye, Good Luck," with a nice expression. Will Mastin in straight comedy was excellent in his dancing number. Other noteworthy members were Chick Owens, a comical comedian with projecting legs, who circled around and also did a flat footed dance which aroused enthusiasm. Arthur Malone and other members were all good steppers but the finish needed strength in the ensemble finale. The white acts were Samille's Dogs, in swinging, merry-go-round and lagon stunts, and a ladder climber. The canines were poodles and English terriers and all clever. Vincent and DeNoville were quite clever in dancing. Bartram May & Co., in "His Nibs," were fair as actors, with a soubrette who played a detective very well. Montrose and Allen in a queer act which creates some laughter were also on the bill. "Walking the Dog" continues as the Friday evening attraction. The Sunday matinees are again in order. Irvin C. Miller's Broadway Rastus company will be next week's attraction and a good turn out is expected. The last half of last week retained Copeland and Payton, who drew heavy throughout the week, the comedy work of Mr. Payton being especially strong. The Gorman Brothers were the big hit among the white acts. The two talented Irish comedians were artists. Their Panama song, Dublin song, Judge song and the skit of a dude delegate to be a soldier were of headline merit. The Gregory troupe of hoop manipulators were great in speed and perfection, comprising four men and one woman. The gypsy trio were fairly good artists; violin, cello and a pianist of exceptional merit in technics. Lee and Welton in a 5 and 10c store scene, piano and music department, gave ample pleasure. The man is a tenor and the woman a mezzo-soprano, well trained, with a sweet upper register.

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At The Monogram.

The Invincible Four, Harper and Blanks, direct from the Marble theatre and Bradford and Sanford were at the 35th street house. James and Stoval's company opened auspiciously at 31st street.

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Teenan Jones Leases the Star.

The Star theater, a picture house, between 38th and 39th streets on State, controlled by the Jesse Binza real estate syndicate, has been leased to Teenan Jones, who has taken possession of the house.

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Program of the Movies.

States Theatre—"Vice Exposed," Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Sept. 16, 17, 18. People under 21 not admitted.

Atlas Theatre—"Big Jim Garity," Saturday, Sept. 16. "The Phanton," Sunday, Sept. 17; also Keystone comedies.

The Phoenix—"Hell's Hinges," Saturday, Sept. 16. Theda Bara in "East Lynne," Sunday, Sept. 17th. "Walking the Dog," Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The Washington—"A Yoke of Gold" and "The Eternal Truth," Saturday, Sept. 16. "The Devil's Needle," triangle play, Sunday Sept. 17.

The Fountain—"Who's Guilty," No. 12, Saturday, Sept. 16. "Battle of Hearts," Sunday, Sept. 17. "Walking the Dog" Fridays.

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Chicago Notes and Other Comment.

The musical festival given at Fulton Street M. E. church, Sept. 7th, Rev. H. M. Carroll, pastor, was a nice affair. The program consisted of one number each by the following well-known artists: Mrs. Martha B. Anderson, Mme. Neale Hawkins Buckner, Mme. Marie Burton Hyram, Miss Helen Smallwood, Mrs. Antoniette Smythe, Mrs. C. Wilson, Mrs. DeWitt Smith, Mrs. W. C. Buckner, Mr. Hugh Buchanan, Mr. Geo. Garner, Mr. Walter Gossette, Mr. T. Theo. Taylor, Mr. B. Emanuel Johnson, Miss B. Smith, Mr. Harrison Emanuel, Mr. A. Charles Elgar, Mr. Albert Jones. Fulton Street Choir—Miss Cleo M. Dickerson, accompanist; Mr. Hugh Buchanan, director; Mr. Arthur Davis, violin.

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The James Stovall company was at the Virginia theatre, a white house, last week and the company got a big reception in musical comedy farce and dancing.

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The late J. Leubrie Hill, during one of his engagements, told me that he was born in New Orleans, La., but raised in Memphis, Tenn. I mention this fact because the New York papers gave his birthplace as Memphis, Tenn., and he was more than 43 years old. There is always a lot of discussion because people who want to be famous writers of the Colored race don't get the right dope. Aida Overton Walker was said to be born in New York, but other people say he mother brought her with her from Richmond, Va., when a child. Bert A. Williams, who is yet very much alive, has been reported by the press serveral times as a native of different West India islands. His father told me in New York that Bert was born in Nassau. The best way to find out will be for Lester Walton or somebody to go and ask his mother who lives in New York.

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The engagement of Miss Fanny Wise, the Red Moon prima donna, was wonderful last week at the old Monogram. Her voice was sweet and her popularity has not waned. She sang Rosamond Johnson's "I Hear You Calling Me," and "What Will You Do, Uncle Sammie:" by Salam Tutt Whitney. Her costume was of white veiled silk which overshadowed her pink tights and her waist was white beaded. She is at the Booker T. Washington theatre, St. Louis, this week but will return to the New Monogram next week.

MISS FANNY WISE.

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Colonel Lee gave one of his fascinating joy repass banquets last week at Teenan Jones' place. In the wine party, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith, Sam Arnold, Louise Curtis, Elmer Melvin (Pewee) and in the meantime I discovered a new song bird, Miss Dovie Jackson, a sweet soprano with a brilliantly powerful voice, who sings in the afternoons.

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Felix C. LaFond, president of the Afro-American National League has been appointed by the Republican Nat'l committee to travel out through the United States to re-organize the Afro-American League and Council. As this fight is to be made by the National League to return the Colored vote back to the White House in the state and congress and numerous governmental departments, likewise for all higher offices which they have held before in the government of the U. S. A., as this will be a very hard fight against the Democratic administration which is now in power. The National President requests all the members of the league and council and others to work hard and faithfully to help, to elect Hon. Charles E. Hughes and the entire Republican ticket. The attention of all Colored voters is called to this fact. All that has been done in behalf of the Colored race has been done by the Republican party, remembering the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments.

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There was once a day when there were a lot of comment on performers because actors were numerous and engagements and money to them was plentiful. The public reverenced and idolized them and their craniums was over size because of the flattery, demand and prosperity which had caused their heads to swell. It is far different now. Actors are no longer in demand. They are half tutored, half equipped and half paid. But actors were the cause of it themselves. Their demands and abuse was more than managers could stand but they had to stand it until Edison's genius from New Jeresy (my home state) taught them that people were content to see pictures instead of actors and so they inaugurated picture shows and the wail of actors was dispensed with. When I used to go from my home in Orange, N. J., down to Orange Valley and step on a stool in the Edison laboratory and holler in five record horns at once, as an accepted darkey vocalist with lungs, I used to say to myself "this is indeed a great institution for cheating singers out of a concert career." I quickly retired after I had visited Thomas A. Edison's other place at Menlo Park, where he was experimenting on improvements on graphaphones that gritted on the ear. I am telling this little story, not out of self-conceit, but for the benefit of actors, politicians and saloon keepers, as they shall see on the finish. I am famous. I occupy space because I have had experience in the church (not in the pulpit) in bar rooms (not behind the counter) and in the theater (not in the box office) and I have seen everything except the political gambling machines in municipal buildings. But I have had raising in an intelligent home and among the best cultivated rich white people of New Jersey and New England. I even taught myself how to be an advertising agent out in the coal country where people are honest, moral, industrious and happy. Now in all of this, what I want to say to the Colored and white people of State street, is that Chicago is the most prosperous big city in America. The problem will be for everybody to strive to be mindful of each other by using good judgment and by being careful of what they do. The race is not to the swift nor the bat battle to the strong. Good manners and honesty is everything. People who use disgraceful language should be fined or sent up with criminals. One of the worst features about Chicago is that everybody wants to know everybody else's busines and after they find it out they are no better off than they would have been without nosing in. Inquisitive people and lobbyists only prove to other people that they are the most inferior and most disliked undesirables of all. Instead of so much jealousy, contempt, deceit and sneak-thief robbery and murderous assaults, the thing for people to do to be happy is to try to be on the square and try to treat everybody right, to help the poor and weak, and charity and support brainy good ministers and their churches and newspaper men whose work is intelligent good and valuable to the people and the newspaper represented or any good public woman or executive politician who is actually honest and so aid the upbuilding of a prosperous community. I will probably introduce a four-inch magazine section in this column to confine to one complete short subject weekly at a later date. Good work of the kind I have in view must be done and I will look for a heavy support from good politicians, saloon keepers, actors and business men in general, especially bankers.

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The funeral of the late John Lanbrie Hill took place at the Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle, 138th street, New York City, Sunday, Sept. 2. Rev. W. W. Brown officiated.

Musical numbers were furnished by the following: The Ford Dabney Orchestra from Ziegfeld's Roof Garden, the C. V. B. A. Glee club, which sang "Within the Shadows;" Miss Abbie Mitchell, who sang "Oh, My Redeemer;" the Byron Brothers, who rendered "The Holy City," and quartet by young men from the "Darktown Follies," which sang, "Lead, Kindly Light." An original poem was read by Miss Newby.

The active pallbearers were Jesse A. Shipp, Alex Rogers, Will H. Vodery, Leon Williams, Shepard N. Edmonds and Anthony Byrd. The honorary pallbearers were Bert A. Williams, Tom Brown, C. L. Roberts, William C. Elkins, Robert Slater and Julius Glenn.

The floral offerings were many and beautiful. The interment was in St. Michael's Cemetery. The deceased was a member of the Waverly Lodge No. 597, Edinburg, Scotland, and St. Andrew's Royal Arch Chapter No. 83, Edinburgh.

Robert Branner and Shep Allen, who were on a visit in New York, after attending the Elks convention at Philadelphia, were present at the funeral and have now returned to their home in Chicago. About 3000 people attended the services.

The Silent Joy.

What is the silent joy that orgies seek,
The passion trend and all its aim bespeak?
'Tis but the vain desire besought within,
To ramble in the garden spot of sin.

What joy is that which seek the lonesome friend,
The love-sighs of sweet girls and bashful men?
'Tis but the sleepy dream where dewdrops rare,
Have cast their moist to no one, but somewhere.

What is the silent joy that pride can show,
The moral student and the virtuous beau?
'Tis but the seed of life, a mother's joy,
Dame Nature's work, which gave the world a boy.

—SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

DETROIT THEATRICAL NEWS.

(By Chas. T. Kirkman.)

The Vaudette has secured String Beans and Benbow and their company this week, and from present indications, and the crowds that are pouring in nightly, it looks as if they will be here for an indefinite stay. The Musicians and Performers Club over the Vaudette Theatre was formally opened, Sept. 6th. Music was furnished by a ten-piece orchestra and refreshments were served. The management spared no pains or expense in fitting up elaborate club rooms in the city. The officers are John H. Tobias, president; Clarence Carlisle, secretary, and Efbert Hall, manager.

NOTES FROM P. G. LOWERY'S BAND WITH HAGENBECK & WALLACE CIRCUS.

(By Wm. E. Fields.)

At this writing we are in the state of Iowa, returning from the state of Minnesota on our tour south for a long season. We have done a good business in the preceding state, having good weather, and arriving in the towns on schedule time and making parade every day.

It has been said, by the older members of P. G.'s band, who have trooped for years and with different shows, that Mr. Irons, the side show manager, Mr. Hilliar, inside lecturer, and Mr. Wilson, detective, are without a doubt the three best men they ever worked under, also Mrs. Irons and Mrs. Hilliar are women of culture and are very kind and obliging to our women. Under these men our managers and P. G. Lowery, our band master, the boys and girls find much pleasure in their work and go about their task with a vim.

The Colored boys have made many friends among the whites, so much so that Mr. Morgan (manager of confectionery stand) and Mr. Williams (head property man) have become regular customers of The Freeman.

Prince Mungo, known to all performers as the greatest single ballahoo man in the business, has consented to remain with this show the remainder of the season, after new inducements had been offered him.

Mr. Bennie Jones (Texas Teaser) joined us in Blue Earth, Minn., and is featuring the minstrel band.

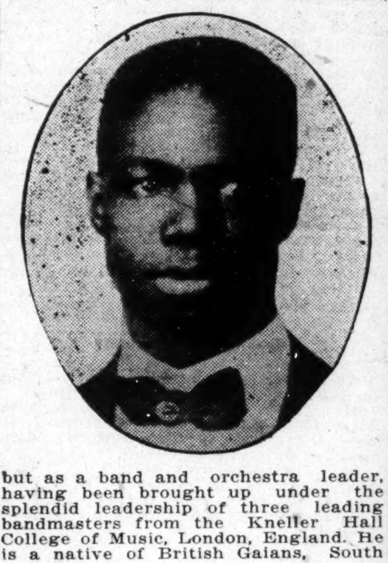
Hello, Walter Robison, I am about to bring Bennie Jones back to the big apple. Your old friend Irvie Richardson.

Maylon Hall has been ill in bed during the past week. Under the treatment of our show physician, and Mr. Ballanger as nurse and also private cook for Mr. Ballard, the owner and manager of this show. Mr. Hall will be able to resume his work this week. We are very grateful to Mr. Ballanger for the most kind favor and attention rendered Mr. Hall during the time of his illness.

The lineup of P. G.'s company: P. G. Lowery, cornet and director; Thomas May, cornet, band and orchestra; W. E. Fields, cornet and baritone; Elmer Payne, clarinet, band and orchestra; Maylon Hall, clarinet, 2nd tenor; Dan White, baritone and violin; Edgar Carr, trombone, band and orchestra; Irvie Richardson, alto and 1st tenor; Wm. May, tuba, band and orchestra; Tony Barfield, tuba and bass solo; Wm. Hoy, trap drums; Jakie Smith, bass drum and comedian; Bennie Jones, principal comedian; Mrs. Essie Williams, soprano; Mrs. Carrie Lowery, soprano. Best wishes to all performers.

FRED. KEWLEY

Fred Kewley, the orchestra leader of Tolliver's Smart Set Company, is undoubtedly the premier Colored clarinetist of today, in or out of the profession. He stands second to none in his line. Not only as an instrumentalist,



but as a band and orchestra leader, having been brought up under the splendid leadership of three leading bandmasters from the Kneller Hall College of Music, London, England. He is a native of British Gaians, South America

METROPOLITAN THEATER, MEMPHIS.

(By John Sears.)

Al H. Grant, formerly of the team of Grant and Barry, who has been on the sick list, wishes his many friends in and out of the profession to know that he has entirely recovered. He is better known in cabaret and theatrical circles as "Little Billie." He has made a good impression everywhere he appears. He is one of the cleverest juvenile actors of his race. He bills himself as the "Ragtine King," though he don't only sing ragtime but does something else with his violin instead of the Ragtime King it should be incomparable Mr. Grant. Songs are most all his own compositions. He is soon to tour the Kline time.

An artist is not expected to "subsidize" the critics. He is to do the best he knows how and let the critic say what he pleases. Any other policy is worthless alike to the artist and the public—and the ruination of the critic.

ROUTE.

"Ten Dark Knights Co," Empress Theatre, Chicago, Ill., Sept. 21 to 24.

Martin Bros. Celebrated Band and Ministrels—London, Ontario, Canada, week of Sept. 18.

The Smart Set Co., with Salem Tutt Whitney, Colonial Theatre, Baltimore, Md., week of Sept. 18.

Al Barnes Circus—Flat River, Mo., Sept. 18; Poplar Bluff, 19; Newport, Ark., 20; Batesville, 21; Little Rock, 22; Hot Springs, 23.

Prof. Wolfscale's Band and company with Barnum & Bailey Shows—San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 18; San Jose, 19; Stockton, 20; Fresno, 21; Visalia, 22; Bakersfield, 23.

Prof. P. G. Lowery's Band and company with Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus, Oskaloosa, Iowa, Sept. 18; Ottumwa, 19; Osceola, 20; Clarinda, 21; St. Joseph, Mo., 22; Hiawatha, Kans., 23.

LETTER LIST.

Gentlemen's List.

Anderson, Harr y
Brown, Rastus
Beanard, Angus
Brown, Herman
Batsett, D.
Barry, Chas. A.
Bosan & Granger.
Berry, James.
Calloway, E. N.
Coffee, C. A.
Earl, W. R.
Frels, Eugene
Fisk Jubilee Singers
Green, Bert
Green, Doe Doe
Green, Frank
Gibson, Herbert F.
Howard, R. B.
Hale, S. S.
Harris, Thos.
Harper, Leonard
Jones, Bennie
Jones and Gray
Johnson, London
Johnson & Baylor
Jackson, Frank D.
Lovelace, Mrs. Hazel
Lee Lawrence
Lewis, Geo. M.
Miller, C. M.
Mitchell, Tom
Miller, James.
Miller, Chas. Mushmouth
Moore, Mott.
Moody, John
The Great Melba
Marshall, Leon
Maxwell, M. C.
Manley, Jean Prince.
Potter, Shelby B.
Pitt, Jack
Richardson, Fred
Robertson and Robertson
Readers, Fred
Russell, Sam
Smith, John H.
Simmons, Gus
Shane, Ererette
Smith, W. B.
Thomas, Simon.
Triggs, Walter
Wilson, W. R.
Winfrey Claude
White, J. Dan
Williams, Alonzo
Williams, Thomas A.
White, Bob.
White Charles
White, Julia
Walker, M. W.
Two Weavers

Ladies' List.

Blackman, Clara
Brimskely, Mary
Butler, Celeste
Coleman, Ruth.
Day, Viola
Freeman, Miss A.B.
Glover, Maude
Green, Callie
Grice, Baby
Hendrix, Marie
Homes, Ethel
Hughes, Laura
Johnson, Mrs. B.H.
King and Gee
Lee, Mrs. Pearl
Neal, Miss Ethel
Rolinson, Mrs. Mamie
Pope, Mrs. Ethel
Purnsley, Ethel
Russell, Blanche
Simmons, Ella
Smith, Lula
Scott, Rosa
Smiley, Alberta
Saunders, Marie
Thomas, Leola
Tilmon, Mrs. Topsy
Tolson, Georgia
Vaughan, Mamie
White, Julia
Washington, Nellie
Walker, Lizzie
White, Carrie
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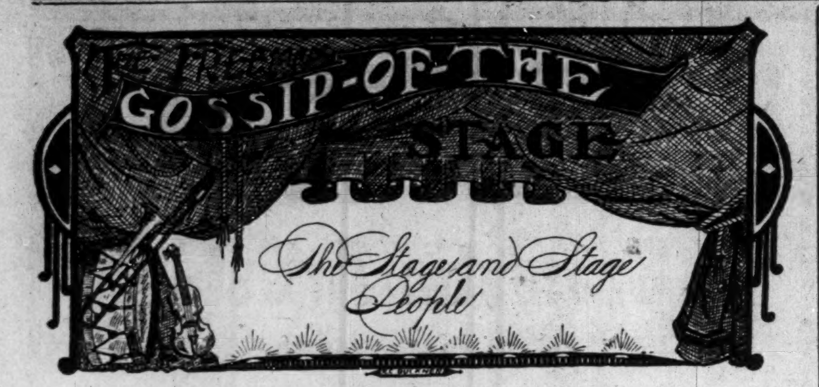
GOSSIP-OF-THE
STAGE
The Stage and Stage People

STAGEOSCOPE.

By N. Y. G. Hot.

Little Jack Horner sat in a corner,
Eating pie that was made of raison;
He put in his thumb a son-of-a-gun,
Said "Billy King is a Mason."

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If Irv. Miller had his goats around this age, bet Billy could ride 'em.

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Dear Hot: If it is true about the Negro Business Men's League meeting in Chattanooga, I'll be tickled outright. I am a Chattanoogian who is in bad health. My doctor advised me to climb the mountain daily and by the help of determination I am doing that. Now Hot, as you are the ex-mayor of Rounder's Valley, you know the horrible condition of the paths that lead to the top of the mountains around Chattanooga. I have consulted the board of public safety in regard to the matter but they won't consider. I am informed by stage-struck girls that the business league would be glad to have the opportunity to look into important matters and I am quite sure about the outstanding importance of this matter. Do you think they would look ino it?

—TENNESSEE TESSY.

Answer—In regard to the mountains around Chattanooga, they'll have to look out, Tess.

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Bet Congress can't pass an eight-hour-limit-lew for saloon, barbershop and cue-stick-ball-syndicate rounders.

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Hello, E. D. Lee.

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Dear Hot: Where is Mr. Sam Corker. Is it a fact that he is working so slow that he is never heard of now-a-days?

—INQUISITIVE IDA.

Answer—Doubtful, you know he made a reputation working in advance.

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Dear Hot: I know you are a man of experience and your advice always finds lodgement in my reason. I don't see why Mr. Elwood C. Knox won't let your and Mr. Lew Hall's faces appear in The Freeman. Now Honorable Hot, I am going wih a fellow who will never undertake anything until someone else breaks the ice. I live in a town where none of the boys have their hair straightened, but a lot of them are willing to have it done if some well-known man will give the dope a tryout.

The thought struck me to have you try a good straightening dope and write about it, and if you write encouragingly, my fellow will get his hair fixed up and I am quite sure a lot of others will follow—then the majority of the girls of my town will be happy.

Don't you think that will be remarkable?. —DUDELOVING DORA.

Answer—The most remarkable thing abou it is your knowing. I need the stuff, Do.

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Three, six, nine, twelve,
Of all the lads who love themselves;
Twelve, nine, six three
None of them can beat me.

BRUCE AND BRUCE STOCK COMPANY, OKLAHOMA CITY OKLA.

The Bruce and Bruce Co. finished two weeks' successful engagements at the Dreamland Theatre at Tulsa, Okla. We opened for two weeks' engagement at the Aldridge Theatre, Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Beatrice Bruce continues to win new laurels everywhere she goes, being classed with the best prima donnas in the country. Miss Joe Nell Perry, the young and celebrated soubrette, is making quite a hit in her new songs, "Alabama Cotton Ball" and "Day and Night."

When Helen ames and Freddie Coleman, our brilliant song and dance team, "Walk the Dog" they will make any globe trotter look small comparatively.

Miss Viola Evans says I can beat you doing What You Doing Mr. Brown Skin, Who You For, and stops the show with the German "Blues." Some class. Little "Baby Fisher" as we all know her, always make good with her baby songs, "I Want to Be the Captain or I Won't Play" and "Call Me Mamma."

Little Buddie Nelson, the young king of minstrels, is featuring his latest song when "I Commenced."

Charlie Williams, our "straight man," the man of class, some talker, some actor. Little Jeff is making good with his monologue and his original gags. Alf. McEluster, our musical director, the boy from "Bam" with the ability of a Padereski and feelings of a Blind Tom, is making all young piano players sit up and take notice. Jack Fritz is around here; believe me some drummer. Bruce says hello, Porter and Porter, why don't you write me? Mrs. Beatrice Bruce says Baby M. Parker write me at once. Bruce says he fears no one as he originates more than he copies and if he should be accused of imitating a little that there is nothing new under the sun. He is cleaning up and merit stands for itself and you can't fool the public. Success is his and will continue to be because he has a clean, classy show, just what the public wants. The Bruce and Bruce company is playing this week at the Aldridge Theatre. We don't mind competition as that will help as the fittiest must survive. Mr. Thomas P. Pearson, the competent manager and manipulator, machinist and mechanic, handles his capacity houses with precision and ease,; he invites the public because he knows he can please. The Bruce and Bruce company will play a return date at Muskogee, Tulsa and back to Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruse sends regards to all in and out of the profession.

Hello, Nettie Perry and Woodew and Woodew.

EASTERN THEATRICAL NEWS.

By Billy E. Jones.

The Whitman Sisters entertained recently Billy E. Jones at their residence, 11 Ridge avenue, Asbury Park, N. J. An elaborate dinner was served to the guests present who were Mr. Thomas Hawkins, Percy Reevey, Baby Alice, Bob Dean, A. Douglas, tenor, Misses Essie, Mabel Alberta Whitman and Aaron Palmer.. Music and vocal selections were rendered by Billy E. Jones and the Whitman Sisters. Miss Mabel Whitman, who taught the two boys, Aaron and Thomas, the art of entertaining the public are clever performers and also have been treated well and also appreciates their home with the Whitman sisters. The Whiman Sisters open at Atlantic City, N. J., en route on their tour.

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Wilbur Sweatman this week at Lyric Theatre, Hoboken, N. J.

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The Creole Band are at the Pantages Theatre, Vancouver, B. C.

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Johnson and Wells are at Delancey Sreet Theatre, New York.

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Burt Murphy is at Proctor's, 58th Street Theatre, New York.

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Johnson and Wells are at Delancey Street Theatre, New York City.

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Brooks and Bowen are at the Pantages Theater, San Francisco, Cal.

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Billy E. Jones is singing a new ballad, "Do What Your Mother Did," with success.

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The Old Line Darkies Quartette are now on the coast and this week they are at the Orpheum Theater, San Francisco, Cal.

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The Royal Theatre, Asbury Park, N. J., is presenting to its patrons excellent vaudeville all the season under management of Mr. Frank Patterson.

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Rucker and Winifred are scoring their usual big hit in vaudeville now touring the west on their way to the coast and a big feature on the bills. This week they are at McVicker's Theatre, Chicago.

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The Made in Harlem Company headed by Bradford and Jeanett, returned to New York Sunday after six successful weeks with three in Asbury Park, N. J., and are now rehearsing to open their season and presenting one of the finest and neatest ministrel offerings in vaudeville, with nine excellent performers including Miss Marguerite Jackson, soprano and Billy E. Jones, baritone. This will be one of the greatest singing aggregations in vaudeville. Watch The Freeman.

NOTES FROM J. H. MAHONEY'S MOBILE MINSTRELS.

We are now in the state of Mississippi and meeting with success as usual. Little Maurine Mahoney left for Argenta, Ark., in company with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Mahoney to school. We all hated to see her go. Hurry up Maurine and come back to see us again, because the "baby is tooving."

Mrs. Fannie Jenkins sends regards to her sister Clara.

Lightning Rod Joe Russell has been on the sick list but is feeling better at this writing. The rest of the company are all well.

Mrs. Sadie Durrah says hello Sweetie May, why don't you write? Blue Steel has something good going out this winter and would like to hear from you. We were in Jackson, Tenn., Sept. 4th and met many friends. Several automobile loads came over from Brownsville, Tenn., 20 miles from Jackson. I guess it must be some show when you can draw 'em that far.

Mable Davenport, the midget soubrette, says hello, McDaniel, why don't you come on out, the water ain't deep, can't you swim?

Our 14-piece band under the management of Prof. James Thomas, are carrying the crowd daily playing nothing but standard music. J. H. William, our producer, send regards to Florida Blossoms Company. Joe Miller, John Ivy, Addler Cox, Frank Worthey, Baby Knox, Pete Worthey, Mannie, the cook, Prof. Childs, what's the matter, don't any of you write? I I get my mail at once when you send it care The Freeman. The company sends regards to friends in and out of profession. If you want to find out where we are read the Freeman. Nuf said.

NOTES FROM THE GREAT SPEIGEL MEDICINE SHOW.

We are now in our first week in Brownsville, Pa., which bids fair to be another record breaking town for business as our opening night proved that beyond a doubt. We left many friends in Jeanette, Pa., who were loath to see us leave, both white and Colored. The boys are all preparing for the closing of the season, getting in their winter clothes in the nature of underclothes, socks, shoes, suits, overcoats, and we are looking to the closing day with regret as we have had a delightful season this summer, both financially, socially and professionally.

Mr. Spikes, our arranger and composer, is preparing for vaudeville at the closing of the season. He will have for a partner a very fine and petite young lady by the name of Miss Sharp. Miss Sharp is a violinist of no mean ability and will add greatly to the act by her sweet personality and worth as a musician. The act will be known as "Sharp and Flat." Managers take note and watch for this act. We have had already some very flattering offers from different managers and are considering them seriously. Our band is pleasing the people beyond measure. Next season we will have a much larger band. Our brass quartet consisting of Thomas Spikes, Pate and Stevenson is featuring "The End of a Perfect Day," "The Rosary" and the Sextet from Lucia. This quarter is our four feature acts.

The boys all wish to be remembered by all friends in and out of the profession.

The great Spiegel feels that he has got the greatest medicine show on the road of today, a clean, neat and moral entertainment in every respect and believes in holding up the standard in every respect of the Colored profession.

I'll be able to tell you more about our company next week.

NOTES FROM LITTLE JOHN'S SHOWS.

By G. A. R.

We are now in the green fields mountains of Virginia on the trail of the lonesome pine. We have just left dear old Kentucky with a great blessing so far behind. The company is all O. K. at present and they all look the picture of health.

Mrs. Lizzie Dudley and Mr. McWilliams, the late newlyweds, will leave for their home in Memphis, Tenn., to visit their mother, who is ill and from there they will join young Brother's Shows.

The White and White Sisters, Ehel and Carriet, have left for Lexington, Ky., to join Veal's Show. Mr. Joke Dokes is O. K. in health but worried in mind over the death of his wife, Mrs. Lillie Dokes, which he received the wire from Atlanta, Ga. The bunch has his sympathy and gave him the amount of $25 for flowers. Mrs. Dokes was safely placed at rest at his home in his family's lot in Atlanta, Ga., and the bunch is proud that she died prepared to meet her Savior. We are still doing S. R. O. every night and having nice attendance.

The bunch sends regards to all in and out of the profession.

Brother Low Down, why don't you write. Prof. S. C. Elliott, we like to hear from you at any time and Oh, that twenty we sent, would like to hear from that also. We have not heard from you since we sent the twenty. We get The Freeman every week.

GOLLMAR BROTHERS' SHOWS.

By J. T. Jackson.

At this writing we are all well, still in Iowa with Missouri following.

Mr. Cohen, our adjuster, is a busy little fellow and knows just how to keep things straight around the show and is a perfect gentleman to everyone.

Mr. Chrisman, our side show manager, is certainly pleased with the bunch and sends best regards to P. G. Lowery and all his friends in the profession.

Gerey Vanderbilt, the clown policeman in the big show, is getting good applause with his comedy and sends best regards to Prof. Frank Morland and all the minstrel folks.

James T. Jackson sends regards to John Richardson, of the 101 show, Ed Woods, of the Pizaro show. J. T. Jackson says P. A. Venable write him at once.

Lawrence Denton, our clarinetist, had to go home on account of illness, but we hope he will return soon.

Hi says hello, Denton. I am headed that way.

Louis Fletcher sends best regards to Dan White, Elmer Payne and Edward Carr of the Hagenbeck-Wallace show.

Otis Wheeler sends best regards to Tommy Stevens of the Howe's Great Londow shows

Prof. J. A. Harris sends best regards to Professors P. G. Lowery, L. K. Baker, P. A. Venable and Wolfscale's Band.

Elmer Scott sends best regards to E. Jackson, K. Jackson and Sam Good.

Eugene Gentry sends best regards to B. Stratton of the B. B. Show.

J. T. Jackson sends best regards to the Perkins Bros. of Ferry's Tom show and says Joe Perkins write.

Edward McNeal sends best regards to Prof. Frank Morland, James Anderson of the 101 show and Lyric Stock Company.

E. Gentry sure is a busy barber and is getting his.

All the boys' bank roll is getting heavy and they expect to have one of the best seasons in years.

Rusty Campbell sends best regards to Irving and Happy Lockhart.

NOTES FROM HOWE'S GREAT LONDON SHOW.

By Tommy Stevens

Well, here we are again before the profession. We are now in Oklahoma and soon will be in the Lone Star state. Business with our side show is good. Among the late ones to join us are Tommy Jones, Warren Irving, C. J. Johnson and Albert Allen. They comprise our minstrel first part, with singing and dancing and funny sayings. Tommy Jones is scoring successfully singing Handy's most popular "Memphis Blues" which seems to make a hit among both Colored and white. C. J. Johnson is pleasing the audiences singing "Alabama Jubilee." Albert Allen gets the younger set swaying when he renders that most popular song, "Walking the Dog." Last but not least is our funny comedian, Warren Irving, who puts it over when he sings "Lucky Boy." Our band remains about the same with the exception of a baritone.

Fredrick Douglas sends regards to Norris Grigsby of the I. M. Busby minstrel. R. W. Wallace also sends regards to Floyd Tucker and Tom Edwards. The writer sends regards to all friends and would like to hear from Pomp Timmons.

NOTES FROM H. & W. CIRCUS.

We spent a pleasant Sunday in Charles City. Mr. and Mrs. Damon were our guests during the day. Mr. Ballenger, the chief cook on Mr. Ballard's private car, chartered a boat to take the boys a trip up the river, which was a pleasant one.

In the last three weeks The Freeman has been found in the hands of Mr. Morgan, who runs an ice cream stand with this circus, and Mr. Williams, head property man, and are loyal to the Colored boys.

The boys of P. G.'s band who have traveled with the different shows, frankly admit that Mr. Irons, the side show manager and Mr. Hilliar, inside lecturer and without a doubt, the two best men we ever worked under and their wives, being women of culture, are very kind to our women and members of the company. With these two men leading the side show, P. G.'s band one of the leading attractions, go at their work with pleasure and are attracting attention from the big show.

Just as the parade started started in Spencer, Aug. 24, one of the polar bears got out of its cage. It was greta sport for the boys to see people running in all directions and climbing trees. Onr band wagon stood second from the cage and when that bear headed towards our wagon, the boys being 15 feet high, changed their mirth and laughter to bronze statues of fear with open mouths and eyes like searchlights, waiting for the bear's appearance among them, so they could make the high dive for safety. Maylon Hall and Irvie Richardson paid admission fees to Tony Barfield and William May for shelter in the bells of their bass horns, but the bear was captured and put in his den before the boys could get in action.

GIBSON'S NEW STANDARD THEATER, PHILADELPHIA.

By J. H. Gray.

Gibson's New Standard Theatre is certainly making history for itself, many who sought admission could not obtain it on Monday evening; six hundred people by actual count were turned away because there was no room in the theatre for them, and yet the management of this popular play house gave three shows that night to try and satisfy his many patrons. Every night this week the sign "Standing Room Only" is displayed at both shows. This proves the old adage, "That good things come to those who wait." Mr. Gibson certainly has had patience, now he is reaping his reward. The crowds have been so dense this week that even The Freeman reporter could not get a chance to see the show, but knowing the reputation of the performers who are on this week's bill he can only say that the holiday bill as presented is one that everybody enjoys as you can hear round after round of ovation after each act, and the waiting line out in the street eloquently attest their popularity. There are unfolded many brilliant hits of comedy, music, vaudeville, dances and burlesques. Those who are participating in keeping up this house's brilliant record are Brandon and Taylor, Walker and Johnson, Belcher and Belcher, Stevens and Purcell, the Drake-Walker Co.

HIS WIT SAVED HIM.

To show the ready wit of the Negro especially under trying and embarrassing circumstances, Helene Clinton, of the Smart Set Co., which opens at the Standard Theatre, Philadelphia, Monday, Sept. 11th, tells an interesting story of a Colored parson who came across a sinner most unexpectedly. The sinner's name was Marse Scallon and he was a reprobate of the first water. Marse had just left the church where he had vowed to live a decent and pure life ever afterwards. Marse, however, failed to conceal a jug of whisky which he carried under his arm, so when the parson met him he was constrained to ask: "What have yo' under yo' arm, Marse?" "Nothin' Parson." "Sure dat's somethin', Marse?" "Pears to me lak a jug of whisky." Mares looked at the jug sheepishly. "So it is," he admitted. "Doan yo' know it am wrong to carry whisky under yo' arm after leavin' de church? Throw dat stuff away and be saved." "I can't, yelled Marse, as he realized what the loss of the whisky meant to him. The parson was furious, "And why?" he asked. "Cause it doan't belong all to me. Part is mine and part is my brother's." "Den throw yo' part away and give your brother his part." "Dat am a fine suggestion," said Marse with a serious grin. "But doan yo' see, Parson, my part am on de bottom." After which remark the Parson threw up his hands and fled.

NOTES FROM ROBINSON'S OLD KENTUCKY MINSTRELS.

We are leaving the state of Arkansas for Illinois. The show has been doing a nice business and the ghost never fails to walk. The band is now under the leadership of Prof. R. J. Simmons. He has joined three or four more musicians to the old bunch and the entire bunch are full of smiles to think Cairo, Ill., is on the route, the 11th. Do you see that, James Ward and Tobe Bell; also we are taking Lawrence Lee home, that is great.

WANTED.

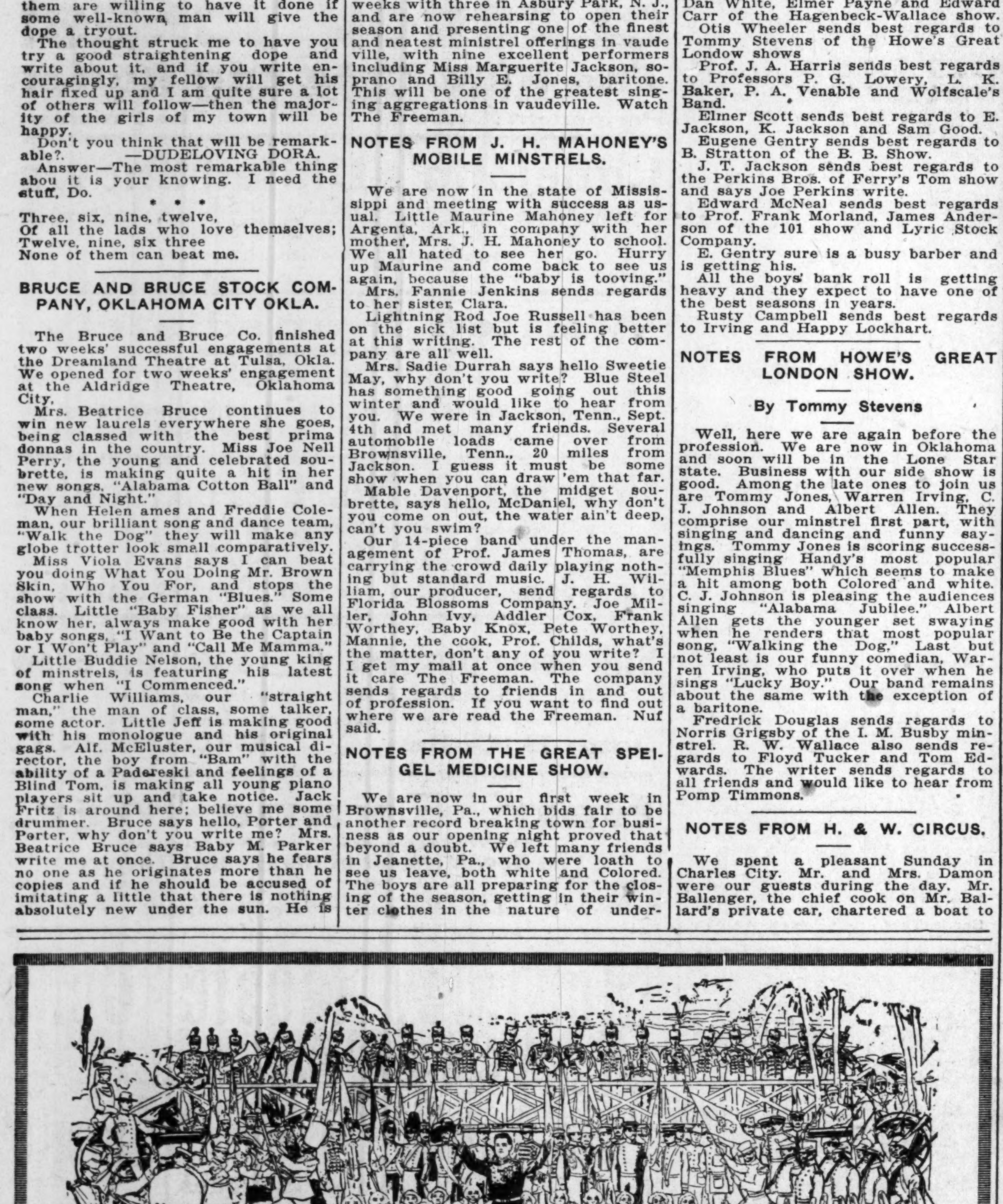
A good violin player that is familiar with vaudeville work. Can place two more girls that can dance; state salary and all in first letter; opens State fair, Springfield, Ill., Sept. 15th. S. H. Dorsey, Hotel Brown, Springfield, Ill.

SEKITAN, OHIO.

"Marriage and Divorce" will be the subject of a well prepared sermon to be delivered by Rev. S. E. Hoard, pastor of the First Baptist church Sunday. The public is cordially invited to be present.

Plans are being arranged for a great revival at the First Baptist church commencing in October. Speaker announced later.

The fourth Sunday in September, Rev. A. S. Hoard, B. C., B. T. H., of Danville, Va., will preach the $300 rally at the First Baptist church.



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JOE GANS PEER WAS OF ALL BOXERS IN LIGHTWEIGHT CLASS

Old Negro Star Outclassed Any Modern Battlers—Baltimore Boy Reduced Boxing to a Science.

NEW YORK.—Every new lightweight who wins a few fights is promptly referred to by the nimble press agents of the boxing clubs as "another Joe Gans." Each and every manager of a lightweight who wins even one fight with a knockout punch gilbly refers to his battler in the same way. "Wait until you see this boy," he says, "and you'll agree with me that he's another Joe Gans."

It may seem strange that they never speak of "another Lavigne," or another Erne, or Battling Nelson, or Wolgast, or Ritchie—or go back far enough to compare their fighters to the one and only Jack McAuliffe. Whether or not they ever saw Joe Gans—and scores of them never did—it is always Gans that they use as a comparison.

All of which suggests that there must have been something very remarkable about Gans, who has been quietly lying under the green turf these many years and by all precedent should be fairly forgotten.

And there was. I've seen them all, and I can say without hesitation that there never was "another Joe Gans." Being truthful and of an open mind, I won't say that there never will be "another Joe Gans," for the history of all sports has shown that no matter how great an athlete may be, in course of time a better man appears. We may have, some time, a greater than Gans. But he isn't in sight yet, and I for one don't expect to see him.

When I was a mere novice in following professional sports I often traveled hundreds of miles to see the great Baltimore Negro in the ring. Joe Gans was always an element of surprise. No matter how well one became acquainted with his style of fighting, Joe always had something new to use when he needed it.

In Body and Brain Gans Was the Perfect Fighter.

Gans was as full of combination of brain and physique as I've ever seen in a ring. There never lived a fighter who better combined skill, power and intelligence. If he had been a white man he would have been the most popular champion the world has ever known, for with all his tremendous fighting ability he combined the qualities of exquisite fairness, modesty and courage. Through the earlier part of his career Gans was controlled by a manager who constantly forced him to fight "under orders." He arranged fake fights, and Joe Gans went through with them. He managed, by some shifty sleight of hand, to keep Gans perpetually in his debt. He used the indebtedness to enforce his wishes.

But at last Gans, sick and sore over constant criticism, refused to obey orders any longer, left his manager and publicly announced that in the future he would follow his own inclinations and be absolutely "on the level" in all his ring engagements. There was a certain magnetism about Joe Gans. The public believed him, and to his credit be it said that from that day he fought every fight to win, and to win as completely as he could. He became one of the most popular of our champions, and when he went down at last before Battling Nelson, there was no note of exultation in any of the hundred stories written about that fight.

Joe Gans was born to be a fighter. When a small boy he worked in the Baltimore fish market. He showed some ability in the boxing indulged in by the youngsters and his boss invested in a set of boxing gloves, for which he paid $1.70. In a short time Gans had shown such superiority over all rivals that the boss bought another pair of gloves and had him box against two boys at once. Doing this every day developed a unique boxing style in young Joe. He had to defend himself, and at the same time be ready to take any opportunity to put one of his opponents out of the fray with a single punch. He learned how to slap aside blows and at the same time counter with deadly accuracy.

Joe's first fight was with a rival in the fish market. The two boys fought for a purse of $2 and a collection. The total that went to Joe was $7.40, which at this time seemed a fortune to him. He ran all the way home to give it to his mother. Shortly afterward he fought another finish fight for a purse of $8, winning with a knockout in twenty-three rounds. Then when the fish market was buzzing with excitement over the discovery of this new "phenom" young Joe took on a real fight in a real ring. He accepted a chance to box six rounds with the "Kentucky Rosebud," a remarkably clever darkey boxer who had very recently leaped into fame by knocking out the almost invincible George Dixon. Of course, Rosebud regarded the fish market boy as merely a punching bag. He was picking up some easy money.

Joe Gans knocked the Rosebud down several times and gave him a terrible beating. From that moment he was famous.

How He Became a Master Boxer.

Now to show what stuff there was in Gans, note this. He didn't content himself with taking on an occasional preliminary bout and dubbing around in some gymnasium. He began going to see the more famous boxers work, to study them. He had earned a little money by boxing, and had given it all to his mother. One night he went to a theater to see Bob Fitzsimmons box. He was fascinated by the freckled champion's shifty, effective style of fighting. Going home Joe told his mother that he would give her what money he had, leave his job at the fish market, and take a couple of months off. He went back for another look at Fitzsimmons. Every night he studied freckled Bob.

When Fitzsimmons went to another town Joe Gans followed, still watching him in every show and studying every movement the champion made. He followed Fitzsimmons about for five or six months, incidentally boxing, a little now and then to cover expenses, and he learned more in those months than most of his modern imitators learn in as many years—a great deal more, for he became a master. When he began fighting again he showed such skill that in a short time he was in great demand. He beat Kid McPartland, then considered the cleverest lightweight in the world, won a $5,000 purse and became famous all at once.

After that it was easy going for Gans although he fought all of the tough ones and they were tough indeed in those days. Kid McFadden knocked him out. Gans made match after match with McFadden beat him on points and finally knocked him out in three rounds in a San Francisco fight.

Gans was usually successful in his first fight but because he had brain and used it if he failed once he was sure to succeed in a second attempt.

NATIONAL RACE CONGRESS TO MEET OCT. 4 ON RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The large John Wesley church, centrally located at 14th and Corcoran streets, northwest, has been secured for October 4-6, for the sessions of the Citizenship Rights Congress. The B. M. C. will overshadow all other events held in or close to their week of Sept. 11-16. We extend welcome to the race to come on for rights.

THOMAS WALKER,
E. M. HEWLETT,
M. W. SPENCER,
F. M. MURRAY,
and others.

LEO PATTERSON WINS FROM TWO IN ONE NIGHT.

Leo Patterson, the Joplin terror, was to have fought Kid Roux, of Memphis, last Friday, Sept. 8, but the Memphis lad failed to show so Matchmaker Sam Dickson called upon Kid Harris and Battling Ball to box Patterson five rounds each as both boys were not in condition to box any more. Patterson first took on Kid Harris and made him quit in the third round, then Ball crawled through the ropes and made the thing very interesting for Patterson. They fought five fierce rounds which brought cheers from 1,500 fans in every round, Patterson earning the decision at the end of the fifth round. Ball was using lightning left jabs to good advantage but owing to his condition he could not keep up the pace he was given lots of credit as this bout saved the show from falling through. Ball said he had just ate a big feed of cabbage and potatoes and came down to see Patterson and Roux bout, but Roux failed to show so Ball said he would take him on for five rounds. Ball did not only get in the ring and protect himself but he fought hard in every round. Roux lost money by staying at home.

WHAT'S DOING IN SPORT.

Montreal may soon boast an eighth race track.

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It is estimated 5,000,000 sportsmen seek relaxation in hunting each year in this country.

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New York leads in the number of automobiles registered with 259,105. Ohio is second with 203,705.

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University of California's football call was responded to by more than 200 candidates. Andy Smith is head coach.

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Australia expert swimmers are developed in pools because the severe surf practically prohibits outdoor competition.

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Ichiya Kumagae, eliminated from the national lawn tennis championship by George M. Church, is a student at the Keio university, Tokio.

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The All-American soccer team will, in all probability, play several games in eastern centers upon their return from the Scandinavian tour.

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Colleges throughout this country numbering 711 have one or more baseball fields. There are 179 colleges which have running tracks.

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The Gaelic Athletic League of California has been reorganized among San Francisco clubs whi will play football and hurdling on Sundays.

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Eighteen pitchers have been secured by the Cleveland American League club for next season. It is expected many more will be added from which to finally select the staff.

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Harvard's athletic association is considering a plan to equip the stadium with powerful electric lights so as to permit of night practice and for use in late contests during the fall.

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For the first time in its history North Carolina university appears on the football schedules of Harvard and Princeton. The game with the Crimson is to be played at Cambridge, October 7, at Princeton.

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The English royal stakes of 1,500 sovereigns, to be run at Newbury on the opening day of the summer meeting in 1919, has closed with an entry of 172.

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The Scottish Football Association (soccor) has decided that no international matches shall be palyed during the present season, and that the Scottish national cup competition be dropped.

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The exodus of brood mares, yearlings and bloodstock from England to the United States and elsewhere is assuming proportions that is causing concern in Great Britain as to the future of the breed of the country.

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St. Louis has been endeavoring to win a baseball pennant for thirty years. Charley A. Comiskey managed the champion Browns in the old American Association when they won the championship in 1885, 1886 and 1888.

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Intramural athletic director Floyd A. Rowe, of Michigan university, will endeavor to interest all the students in sporting activity and has a number of assistants to instruct the 5,250 students in football, basketball, soccer, baseball, hockey, track and indoor baseball.

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J. Howard Berry, the great all-around athlete of the University of Pennsylvania, has two more years in college and then intends to join the government aviation ranks. He is a member of the Pennsylvania guardsmen on the Mexican border but expects to obtain his release and play football.

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Joe Higgins' trophies of the cinder path during his four years in college, about forty in all, are among the important exhibits in the Holy Cross trophy room. He is expected to show his class in the national championship events at Newark September 9.

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After nearly a decade as coach of the Columbia university track team, Bernie J. Wefers leaves the New York city collegians to assume control of Fordham university of the same city. T. Nelson Metcalf, head coach of the football team, will also coach the track squad.

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Henry F. Sullivan, of Lowell, who defeated Charles Toth in their recent long distance swimming race, swam the breast stroke for twenty hours twenty-eight minutes during the contest, and established a new American endurance record, beating Toth's former mark of fifteen hours forty-seven seconds.

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San Francisco schoolboys will again play the English Rugby code this season. The public schools of that city, in addition to expert athletic instructors, have also women instructors for the girl students and an athletic league for girls including such sports as swimming, basketball and tennis.

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Associated specialty clubs will hold their annual dog show in Chicago September 18. The clubs which united to give this annual event are the Western French Bulldog Club, Western Boston Terrier Club, Western Airedale Terrier Club and the western branch of the Bulldog Breeders' Association of America.

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A noteworthy feature of the United States government's latest specifications for horess is the small size of those wanted for both cavalry and artillery. At the last national horse show in New York the army officers who judged military clases selected animals exceeding sixteen hand as cavalry mounts, but when it comes to real "business" 14.2 hands is the desired height.

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At the recent naval and military sports in London in which about 2,000 athletes participated at Stamford Bridge grounds, Jack Donaldson, of Australia, a former world's champion, beat private W. R. Applegarth, England, the present sprint champion of that country, in the 100-yard dash in 9 4-5 seconds. Donaldson holds the record of 9 5-8 seconds. In the 220-yard dash, Donaldson, with 1 1-2 yards start, beat Applegarth, scratch, by about 1 1-2 yards in 21 4-5 seconds.

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Polo is played in this country practically all the year round. During the winter months the climate and conditions of the grounds are suitable for the Pacific coast clubs. Hawaii and the Philippines; in spring the game is played in the southern circuit, which includes Aiken, Camden, the several army posts and Washington; in the late spring the game is popular in Philadelphia and adjacent suburban clubs, and Lakewood, N. J.; and is next followed by the western and mid-western circuits. In May and June the game is in full swing at all the eastern clubs and Narragansett Pier, R. I., annually witnesses the championship series extending over a period of several weeks. In the recent tourney decided there were used mounts which represented a cost of from $50,000 to $100,000.

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It became known at the local speedway Saturday during the running of the harvest auto racing classic that the owners of the Indianapolis motor speedway had about decided to go back to the original 500-mile international sweepstake race and again hang up a prize of $50,000 for the event. Prior to this year the big Decoration Day event has always been a 500-mile affair with a $50,000 purse. Last Memorial day the race was cut to 300 miles with a $30,000 prize.

Speedway officials believe, according to a report, that they made a mistake when they departed from the old plans, as the 500-mile race had undoubtedly become the racing classic of the world. According to present plans the same rules and regulations that made the other 500-mile events a success will again be followed.

TAYLOR TAKES MOUND AND BEAT LAFAYETTE

First Baseman Relieves Johnson in Box and Hughes's Red Sox Are Walloped at Federal Park—Score, 10 to 7.

Ben Taylor's masterly pitching was too much for the Lafayette Red Sox last Sunday at Federal park, Taylor's A. B. C.'s winning a 10-to-7 victory. The Red Sox jumped on "Dicta" Johnson in the first and third frames, scoring seven runs, forcing him to retire in favor of B. Taylor. The big southpaw held the Lafayette aggregation to two hits and no runs in six innings, besides fanning six.

The Colored boys jumped on More for five hits and, coupled with two walks, scored six runs in the third inning, tying the score. Powell and Brown of the A. B. C.'s had twenty-three of the club's putouts. DeMoss led with the stick, hitting safely three times. The fielding of Totten of the Sox was a feature.

The Chicago Giants will play a double-header at Federal park next Sunday. Score:

A. B. C.	AB.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Shively, lf.	4	0	0	0	0
Clark, ss.	4	2	0	2	0
Powell, c.	5	1	10	1	0
B. Taylor, 1b.	4	1	3	6	0
J. Taylor, 3b.	4	2	0	2	1
DeMoss, 2b.	3	3	1	1	0
Charlston, cf.	3	1	0	0	0
Brown, rf, 1b.	2	0	13	2	0
Johnson, p.	1	0	0	0	0
*Jeffries, rf.	3	1	0	0	0
Totals	33	11	27	14	1

Red Sox.	AB.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Nichols, cf.	2	1	0	0	0
Lambert, lf.	5	0	2	0	0
Larr, ss.	3	2	1	1	1
Totten, 3b.	4	1	2	5	0
French, 2b.	3	1	1	0	0
Shook, rf.	4	1	0	0	0
Bonham, 1b.	2	0	4	0	1
Watson, 1b.	2	0	8	2	1
Schwab, c.	4	1	4	2	1
More, p.	4	0	2	6	0
Totals	33	7	24	16	4

*Batted for Johnson in the third.

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Two-base hits—Larr, J. Taylor, Totten, Schwab. Sacrifice hits—Larr, Brown. Stolen bases—Clark, DeMoss, French, Shook, Totten. Double play—More to Watson to Totten. Bases on balls—Off Johnson, 3; off More, 5; off B. Taylor, 1. Hits—Off Johnson, 5 in 3 innings; off B. Taylor, 2 in 6 innings. Struck out—By Johnson, 4; by More, 3; by B. Taylor, 6. Passed balls—Schwab, 2, Powell. Wild pitches—Johnson, More. Time—1:58. Umpire—McCarty.

MANAGED THEIR TEAMS FOR TEN YEARS, JUST TWO, JOHN McGRAW AND CONNIE MACK.

During the last ten years in baseball every team in the National and American leagues, with the exception of the Philadelphia Athletics and the New York Giants, have had two or more managers.

Ten years ago John McGraw was managing the Giants, and Connie Mack was leading the Athletics. These two men are still piloting those teams and bid fair to do so for many years to come.

McGraw started his career with the Giants in 1903. Under him the New Yorkers won the National league pennants in 1904 and 1905 and the world's title in 1905. They lost the National league championship in 1908 because of Merkle's famous "boner" and finished third in 1909. In 1910 the Giants finished second and were first in 1911, 1912 and 1913.

Connie Mack organized the Athletics in 1901. They won the American league championship in 1902, 1905, 1910, 1911, 1913 and 1914. They also captured the world's title in 1910 from the Cubs, and from the Giants in 1911 and 1913. Last year they finished last for the first time in their career.

DISPUTES JACKIE MOORE'S CLAIM TO LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 2, 1916.

Dear Sir:

As I was loking over the sport sheet in The Freeman I saw where Jackie Moore claims the Colored lightweight championship in the Colored boys' class. I deny his statement as my boy has met him three times and got two decisions over him. Not only that we challenge him to a go and time from 10 to 20 rounds at the lightweight, for if the match is pulled off we are willing to fight winner take all or give the receipts to charity. We are waiting to see the challenge in your paper or send me a telegram at once at my expense. Hoping to hear from you at once, I remain,

Yours for sport,
CHARLES BIRD,
Mgr. Young Dudley.

RATES HANS WAGNER AS GREATEST OF ALL BALL STARS.

John K. Tener echoes the sentiments of William Chase Temple that "Honus Wagner is the greatest ball player the game has produced."

The National league executive, like Temple, points out that over a sweep of two decades the Pirate star never has made a mental foozle.

"Wagner's brain is always working," said Tener. "With some uncanny power that is his, he seems to map out every play before it is made; he never makes a false move, never does the wrong thing. Mechanically and mentally he is a genius.

"The grand old warrior hasn't been given credit for being a smart player, yet I daresay he pulls more inside baseball in one season's sweep than most ball players do in a lifetime. But it always has seemed to be Wagner's misfortune to have the sport writers overlook his tricks, and so never has been given the real credit due him."

DARCY ASKS BOUT WITH DILLON IN NEW YORK

Australian Wants to Meet Three of America's Leading Boxers—Includes Gibbons—Antipodes Champ Would Receive $20,000 Guarantee.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Les Darcy, the sensational Australian fighter, may be seen in action at Madison Square Garden before the snow flies with either Jack Dillon or Mike Gibbons. Negotiations for Darcy's trip to the United States are now under way by telegraph and cable. The Australian champion has offered through a personal friend in New York to fight three battles here for the flat sum of $20,000. He specifies that three opponents shall include Jack Dillon and Mike Gibbons. The other, he suggests, should be Champion Al McCoy, the nominal holder of the middleweight title.

Darcy's proposal has been put before several New York promoters who are considering it seriously. The Curley, McKetrick & Pollock syndicate has called a special meeting over the offer and Tex Rickard is doing some tall figuring on the proposition.

The appearance of Darcy is guaranteed by Hugh McIntosh, the Australian promoter, and W. F. Corbett, referee. They assert that they have arranged to put up a $25,000 bond guaranteeing Darcy's return to Australia.

The Australian champion has had many offers from American promoters and at one time he had agreed to come to the United States for Dan McKetrick, but the defense of the realm act kept him at home. As he is of the military age he can not leave the country unless he leaves it with one of the Overseas expeditionary forces. But McIntosh and Corbett assert that they now have overcome this difficulty.

OHIO CHAMPIONS CLASH.

Bowers' Easterns and Cuvier Browns in Red-hot Contest at Columbus, O., Park.

(By C. Price, Enroute.)

With dandy weather, a record-breaking crowd, Eddie Bowers' Easterns of Columbus, and Bubbles Cuvier Browns of Cincinnati, O., came together in a baseball contest with blood in their eyes. Many Cincinnati fans were there to witness the game and root for Bubble's team. Among them were Alfred Hyde, John Allen, Chas. Jones, Arthur Tedford, George Jackson, Ben Lyttle. They were joined by Kid Dillingham, Ed Hanley, Albert Coleman and several others whose vigorous rooting encouraged the boys. The Browns' line-up was: Battery, P. George Britton, C. Clarence Lewis with Taylor at first, Jones, second, Brown, short, Captain Baker at third, Bubbles left, Hockersmith, center, Dago, right field. The Easterners were: Battery, Ralph Moore, pitcher, Jesse Floyd, catcher, Walter Cole, first, Ivan Harper, second, Jay Henry, third, Clinton Thomas, short stop, Eddie Wade, left field, Will Reed, center and Captain Ware at right field. Manager Lewis and President Bowers handled the visiting swell and had the game to open promptly at 2:30 p. m.

As soon as the umpire called the game hurler Moore proceeded to do away with the feeler for the Browns' staff in one, two, three order and kept him ludicrously fighting the air. Ardell hit to Henry, Bubbles hit to Wade and Lewis Hockersmith two bagger to center scared Bubbles and Taylor Hockersmith coming home on Britt's out. Baker fanned, three runns talled.

The Easterns failed to tally in their half, nothing doing for either team in the second. Britt passed and sacrifices and a wild throw scored the first run for Bowers' team; in the fourth Britt fanned; Baker hit Lewis was passed; Dago's hit and Jones' sacrifice brought two runs. The Easterns scored again in the fifth and Shortstop Brown dropped an infield fly forcing a triple play that stopped a dangerous rally and woke the Easterns up that they were playing a brainy team. No score in the sixth; in the seventh the Bowers team began hitting; Henry led with a single; Floyd a two-bagger, scoring; Henry Cole flied to right; Dago muffed; Flood came home; Thomas' two base hit scored Cole; Reed struck out, stopping another tally of the Easterns; in the eighth Clarence Lewis made the hit of the game and brought Baker home a love three-base hit; no scores in the ninth; the game stood 7 to 5 for Cincinnati's team.

The features were Brown Ardell's trick plays, Lewis and Hockersmith's hitting, Baker's fast work at third; Britt's control and losing what would have been the longest hit; Reed's catch; Bubble's sensational fielding saving the game; Jones choking wild throws; some good base by Dago Taylor, Baker and Bubbles; James Gillespie's clever coaching was noticed while on the bench waiting to relieve Britt.

JOHNNY AITKEN WINS IN HIS PEUGEOT LABOR DAY AT THE INDIANAPOLIS SPEEDWAY EVENT.

Fresh from his victory over Dario Resta at Cincinnati Labor Day, Johnny Aitken, driver of the speedway Peugeot and captain and manager of that team, annexed all three races over the local course Saturday. In winning the 100-mile affair, Aitken drove a car for the last three laps that had a badly weakened steering connection which actually broke as he rolled into his pits, Rickenbacher, in a Maxwell, furnished the thrill of the day as well as a wonderful driving feat when his car blew a tire while he was leading in the 100-mile race with but two laps to go. He had passed Aitken, due to the weakening of John's car, when his left right rear tire blew and the right rear wheel collapsed entirely. Only masterful driving saved Rickenbacher as well as other drivers.

Outside of Aitken's wonderful consistency in winning all three races the work of Hughie Hughes, at the wheel of the Hoskins Special, was easily the feature. He finished second to Aitken in the 100-mile affair and gave Johnny the race of his life in the 500-mile event, being beaten but a nose. Following are the positions and the times made in the three contests:

The 100-mile A. A. A. championship. Purse, $9,000; seven prizes:

Car.	Driver.	Time.
Peugot	(Aitken)	1:07:05.04
Hoskins Special	(Hughes)	1:07:34.95
Duesenberg	(D'Alene)	1:07:48.76
Duesenberg	(Buzane)	1:08:37.00
Premier Special	(Lewis)	1:09:07.00
Omar	(Toft)	1:12:40.00
Maxwell Special	(Henderson)	1:12:48.45

Winner's average, 89.44 miles an hour.

The 50-mile race. Purse, $2,000; five prizes:

Car.	Driver.	Time.
Peugeot	(Aitken)	32:40.88
Hoskins Special	(Hughes)	32:40.01
Sunbeam	(Chevrolet)	32:41.10
Duesenberg	(D'Alene)	33:25.85
Premier Special	(Lewis)	45:08.40

Winner's average, 91.83 miles an hour.

The 20-mile race. Purse, $1,000; four prizes:

Car.	Driver.	Time.
Puegeot	(Aitken)	12:07.65
Premier Special	(Wilcox)	12:37.08
Sunbeam	(Chevrolet)	13:12.88
Hoskins Special	(Hughes)	13:30.90

Winner's average, 95.08 miles an hour.

OBSERVATION OF DOINGS IN THE MAJOR LEAGUE.

ST. LOUIS.—Pat Moran's champion Phillies took a pretty bad slump on their late western trip, but they came back in a fashion to prove that they intend to fight for the laurels while a mathematical chance remains. The three-cornered race in the National league now is almost as pretty and exciting as that of the American league.

The 1916 career of the Quakers goes to show what great benefit lies in having one pitcher of Grover Alexander's worth. But for this fellow, the Quakers would have been out of it long ago. If Moran wins the pennant, he will have Alec to thank.

Alexander turned in twenty-seven of Philadelphia's seventy-five victories. And all the while he was piling up that stupendous record he lost only nine times. Alexander told me recently that he had never felt so well in his life—that, far from being overworked, he felt he hadn't done his full share.

"I have told Pat," said he, "that I would pitch every other day if he so desired. I am sure I could work three times a week without suffering the slightest inconvenience. I'm as strong as Ed Walsh ever was. He used to think nothing of sixty games a season. I could stand up better under pressure, for he was a spitball pitcher. I'd be willing to pitch a whole series if a pennant depended on me."

It is mighty hard to beat that kind of spirit. Alexander's attitude reflects the admiration of every member of the team toward Moran. The Phillies can not be accused of lack of heart. That club is going to stick till the last dog is hung. The National league will have quite as lively a time this month as the American.

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People who bet that Tris Speaker would outbat Ty Cobb this season have begun to feel like hedging. The Georgian is creeping up steadily on the Texan. I know Ty pretty well, and I dot not believe there is another player of his temperament anywhere. There's a fellow absolutely without nerves. Just watch him. He'll go stronger ever day. If any worrying is going to be done it will be done by Tris.

A couple of seasons ago Joe Jackson was leading Cobb further than Tris is now. The campaign was quite far advanced. Ty one afternoon met Joe as they were going on the field in Cleveland.

"Well, how does it feel to be leading batter?" bantered Cobb.

"You ought to know," Joe kidded back. "You led enough times."

"Well, I'm glad you're out there," countered Ty. "But you better look out for me."

"Oh, I guess my lead is safe enough," said Jackson.

"You don't say," said Cobb. "Come to think of it, maybe so. But look here, Joe. What's the matter with you making a little money for yourself on that batting championship. I'll bet you $500 that I'll have my championship when the season is over. Are you game?"

Jackson wouldn't bet. And Cobb caught him. You see, the nerve of Ty awed Jackson. Joe failed to get a hit that afternoon while Cobb laced out three in four times at bat. On every occasion that the two passed each other Ty kept offering the bet. He got Jackson's goat. Joe fell into a slump and lost his great chance.—Christy Mathewson in Indianapolis News.

COLORED BOYS MAKE FAIR SHOWING IN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS—ROY MORSE LOSES SPRINT TITLE.

The National A. A. U. Junior and Senior track and field championships held last Friday and Saturday at Weequacic Park, Newark, N. J., brought out more Colored athletes from various sections of the country than ever before in a championship meeting. The Junior races were held on Friday evidenced the determination of the Colored runner to make trouble in future title games.

Ferdinand Motley, the Atlantic City flier, captured second place in the 100-yard dash, defeating Foley of Boston and Henry Williams of Spokane, who recently handed a double beating to the great Howard P. Drew. The one mile run which was run in the driving rain found Frank Jenkins of the St. Christopher club of this city in fourth place in the finish. With a leap of 21 feet and 7½ inches E. Jones of the Alpha P. C. C., took second place in the running broad jump. Lionel LaBeet, the Salem-Crescents' star jumper placed fourth in the hop, step and jump.

The final heat of the 220-yard run turned out to be the most exciting event of the day because of the hard fought battle throughout between Chas. Loomis of the Boston A. A., and two Colored contestants namely, Arthus B. Reed, Gladiator A. A., Boston, and Peter J. White, Salem Crescent A. C. For 150 yards it looked like the finish would result in a triple dead heat; but with 30 yards to cover Loomis shot to the fore and Reed forged ahead of White and the three finished in the respective order. The Salem-Crescents accounted for another place when Sandy Evans won third place in the 880-yard run.

Few Colored boys competed in the Senior events the following day. Roy Morse, who won two championships in 'Frisco last year, failed to retain his "220" title and was forced to succumb to the speed of Andy Ward of Chicago. Morse won his trial heat in 10 seconds and ran second in the final, but the eagle eyes of the judges failed to see the former champion and Roy was not given a place. Undismayed by this foul play Morse turned his attention to the 220-yard run and again finished second to Ward. This time, however, he was seen and awarded the prize. Irving T. Howe, formerly of Boston, was fourth in the furlong sprint. In the 440-yard hurdles Harry Martin was outclassed by the strong field pitted against him.

WACO, TEX.

(By E. E. Clemons.)

Special to The Freeman.

Mrs. E. C. Johnson is recovering from a recent spell of sickness.

Miss Stamps, of Marlin, has been a pleasant visitor to our city the guest of Miss Susie Kneeland.

Prof. Willis has just returned from Chicago.

Mr. Bennie Sewell has recently purchased a new Buick "6" automobile.

Dr. Hunter is now visiting in Marlin.

Miss Grace Wells reports an enjoyable visit in Muskogee, Okla.

Mrs. Hattie Spivey passed this life Sept. 9th.

Miss Sadie Burney and Mr. Isaacs are to be joined in matrimony Sept. 20.

Prof. Jackson is out of town this week.

Prof. P. L. Smith has returned from out town.

Prof. Rawlins has returned from Jersey City.

Mr. J. A. Fisher, is a live news agent. He handles all the Colored papers. Freeman on sale at Mecca Drug store.

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CITY AND VICINITY.

James Barge, of Atlanta, Ga., is in the city at 719 Ogden.

Mrs. Elizabeth Carter, of Winchester, Tenn., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Knox, Sunday.

H. V. Proctor, of South Union, Ky., was in the city last Sunday, the guest of Mr. Wm. (Muddy) Hizer.

Miss Lucy Hopkins, 610 N. West St., was called to Princeton, Ind., this week on account of the death of her sister, Mrs. Nannie Houston.

Mr. Leon Maxwell, 840 Fayette St., the popular tonsorial artist, and his popular fox terrier "Spoon," are in the city after a visit in Chicago.

Dr. J. L. Leach, president of the Mehony Alumni Association, Medical Inspector in Nashville colored schools, visited Dr. Armstead this week.

Mrs. Dora Brumley, Mrs. Daisy Jackson, Mrs. Anna Thomas, from Louisville, Ky., visited Mrs. Minnie Lightfoot, of 222 W. Vermont St., in this city, last Sunday.

Mrs. Thos. H. Edmends and daughter Ada, of Washington, D. C., mother and sister, respectively, of Mrs. Carl C. Settles, are in the city. Miss Ada will leave for Chicago to take a course in modiste.

Miss Juanita Gorham, daughter of Rev. Gorham, had an operation performed in the hospital last Monday. Miss Margaret Gorham, her sister, was called from South Haven, Michigan, to her bedside.

Mrs. Belle Stewart and daughter Kellace, of Dayton, Ohio, spent several days in the city last week as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Simms, in North Capitol avenue. They returned to their home in Dayton on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Tobin, who have been on their honeymoon since August 24th, visiting friends in Greencastle, Chicago, Joliet and Milwaukee, returned to the city on Thursday of this week. They will be "at home" to their many friends at 1228 E. Sixteenth street.

THE CHRISTIAN GATEWAY

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DR. LEACH IN INDIANAPOLIS.

Dr. J. L. Leach, of Nashville, Tenn., was a pleasant visitor a few days this week and spent most of his time attending the public schools with Dr. W. H. Armistead, the efficient medical inspector in the city schools here. He said:

"I regard the medical system of Indianapolis very complete, and I find we are doing things just about the same way in Nashville. What our board wants there is the best there is, and we regard the Indianapolis staff complete in every detail. Dr. Armistead is an able man, and the colored citizens should feel honored in having the services of this man. I find he is up to now in all matters pertaining to the latest methods used.

STATEWIDE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN OCT. 9TH TO 14TH—Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Junior Department of the Young Men's Christian Association opened Monday evening with quite a lengthy program and a large attendance of boys. Those who appeared on program and gave short talks were: Rev. E. A. Clark, pastor of Allen Chapel, who spoke on "Experience"; Rev. G. R. Jackson, the noted evangelist, talked on "Better Boys"; F. E. DeFrantz, secretary of the Branch, talked on "The Future of the Department"; Joseph O'Neal talked on "Plans for the Department"; and Mr. H. L. Sanders, chairman of the Junior Department, spoke in behalf of the Committee of Management.

The gymnasium classes for the junior and working boys have opened with an unusually large attendance for the beginning of the season. Physical examinations were given and divisions into groups were made. Indications for the coming year in the physical department look to be very successful.

At the first meeting Wednesday evening a large number of men accepted captaincies of the great statewide membership campaign which is to be held October 9th to 14th. This is the third annual campaign and is creating an interest, the prize given being a silver trophy to the association bringing in the largest number of members during the campaign. The first prize was won by Evansville, the second was won by the Indianapolis Central Association. This year the Colored Branch of the Indianapolis Young Mens' Christian Association is determined to go unbeaten and bring home the trophy to the Branch. The men at the Wednesday night meeting were very enthusiastic as to having nothing but success and are determined to stand second to none in the race. About 15 associations in the state are entered in the campaign, of which all are white except our own.

The Y. M. C. A.'s cafe, now under the new and efficient management of Mr. Henry Pope, is doing a flourishing business. Not since the opening of the cafe, in 1913, has the business been so prosperous.

Mr. J. M. Benson, former membership and employment secretary of the association, has consented to take charge of "Stunt Night" during the coming season, and we all know there will be something doing all the while. His first program will be given on Tuesday evening, October 3rd, and every Tuesday evening thereafter. They are open to the public.

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PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 12.—The largest vote in the history of Maine was cast at the state election yesterday. The total vote will approximate 150,000. These figures have not been approached since 1880, the year the Democratic and Greenback parties fused, when the total was 147,802. In the last presidential year and two years ago, it fell below 142,000.

The receipt today of the vote from the border and a few isolated towns increased the plurality of Carl E. Milliken, Republican, for Governor, over Governor Oakley C. Curtis, Democrat, from the indicated figures of 13,000 last night to 13,800. Indicated pluralities for the other Republican candidates were confirmed by a revision of the vote. The Republicans will have solid delegations in both branches of Congress and will easily control both Houses of the Legislature.

Tramps Sixty Miles to Vote.

The report from Laredo, Tex., said that the members of the second battalion of the Second Maine Infantry made a two days' overland march of sixty miles to exercise the franchise. The vote of the soldiers followed about the percentage of that cast at home.

The country vote, as usual, controlled the election. The cities gave a total plurality of 51 for Governor Curtis as against a total of 6,000 received by him two years ago.

By a vote of about 4 to 1 the voters approved the state law limiting the employment of women and children to fifty-four hours a week.

Complete returns from the Second Congressional District gave White, Republican, a plurality of 630 over McGillicudy, Democrat. The vote was 19,510 to 18,880.

NEGRO FRATERNITIES TO MEET IN LITTLE ROCK.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 9.—The National Congress of Negro Fraternities will hold its annual convention in Little Rock September 26, 27, 28 and 29. About 1,500 delegates from all over the country are expected. The convention will be held in the Mosaic Temple, Ninth street and Broadway. The Mobile bill, which is planned to place fraternal insurance rates on a basis similar to that of old-line insurance companies, probably will be adopted by the convention. Among the speakers will be Dr. M. F. Dickinson, state auditor and insurance commissioner, and Abb Landis, an actuary of the insurance department of Tennessee. Both are interested in the passage of the Mobile bill. The following subjects will be discussed: "Sanitation and Hygiene," "Rate of Mortality and Insurance Premiums," "Laws and Legislation," "Codification of Decisions and Rulings," "Tables of Rates and Benefits," "Vital Statistics and Uniformity of Blanks."

The object of the N. C. of F. shall be to create and maintain a spirit of amity between the various Negro fraternal benefit societies and charitable and benevolent institutions, to the end that there may be developed a stronger bond of unity and mutual helpfulness and protection in their work for the uplift of the race. It shall seek in every way possible and practical to promote fraternal cooperation along feasible business lines, to inculcate wisdom in operation and skill in management to the end that such organizations may be more economically, judiciously operated and be made more potentially effective in the support, aid, encouragement, inspiration, benefits and protection of their membership.

DYERSBURG, TENNESSEE.

(By A. Homer Hudson.)

The L. and D. Club met September 8, 1916 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Smith on Fair street. In the absence of the president Mrs. A. A. Greenlee presided. After the business of the session was completed a nice program was rendered as follows: A song by the club, quotations from Shakespeare, reading 128th Psalm by Mrs. Samuel Wyatt, solo "Rock of Ages" Mrs. J. L. Banks, select readings, "A Bachelor," Mrs. Ned Smith; "Life of Shakeapeare," Mrs. J. L. Banks; song "God Be With You," by the club. The club mapped out some great things for the near future. A most delightful ice course was served. Mrs. Samuel Wyatt will entertain the club next meeting.

Mr. George McElrath departed this life on the 31st day of August, and was quietly laid to rest on the 2nd of September in the city cemetery. He leaves a wife, several children and other relatives with a host of friends to mourn his loss, which we are compelled to believe heavens gain. He was a good man in our midst and will be greatly missed. The funeral was held in the First Baptist Church by the Rev. M. S. McCauley, of this city.

Mr. Ammons Jones died the evening of the 10th. He was a young man of sterling qualities. At this writing, the funeral notices have not been issued.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hudson are at home on Cheatham street, corner Connell avenue, where they will be proud to see their many friends. They have moved their residence, but the undertaking parlors will still be in the old location, 302-304 Main avenue. Phone No. 491, as heretofore.

Master Crawford Robinson will attend the State Normal this session at Nashville, Tenn.

The Bruce High School opened its regular session Monday the 11th with a very creditable enrollment.

Misses Smith and Sanford have returned from a very lengthy visit in Memphis, where they report a most enjoyous trip.

Mr. Oscar Ridley, of Chicago, Ill., was in our city last week, enroute home from Memphis, where he had gone to bury the one dear mother who died while with him in his home in Chicago. While in the city he was the surprised guest of Miss Southern and Mrs. Lou Fumbanks, who prepared in a way that very few can a very appealing menu for him. And he with a few select friends most heartily enjoyed the same, after which he was shown around the city by auto. Ridley claimed he had enjoyed the few hours more than words could express.

Mr. Joseph Jones, of Jackson, Tenn., left the morning of the 12th for Oxford, Miss., with the remains of his brother, Mr. Ammons Jones, where the remains will be interred.

Directory of the C. M. E. Church—Services Sunday, 11:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sabbath school, 9:00 a. m., M. C. Connells superintendent. Miss Willa Murphy secretary; Official Board every Monday night; prayer services Wednesday 7:30 p. m.; choir rehearsal Friday p. m., Rev. A. A. Kirk pastor, J. B. Clay secretary.

The members of the masonic bodies were very richly lectured by their grand master, S. M. Strayhorn, Tuesday night. All were attentive and a nice crowd was present to look into the face of their worthy leader.

Mr. Gabriel Menzies, who has been indisposed, is able to be on our streets again. We hope he will be with us a long time, as he is one of those fellows we all miss when he is off duty.

Rev. A. McCutcheon and Brother Rufus Smith were with us this week to shake hands. We are always glad to have him come again.

The Cumberland Presbyterians are conducting a series of revival services this week. Our good brother McCauley will be proud to see the faces of all in this meeting, as it is for the uplift of the wayward son and daughter. Please come out and help in the cause.

Don't forget the Freeman, just five cents at your door from A. Homer Hudson, phone No. 491.

Brother H. H. Hardy, the state representative of the C. H. P. Lodge, was with us a few days ago. He had done some fraternal work in the Ferguson Lodge No. 10, and is a reader of the Freeman.

Mr. Ollie Brown returned from Memphis, where he secured some expert lathers and reenforced his force of plasterers. When in need of this particular class of work see Mr. Brown.

Remember me—A. H. Husdon sells the best paper in or out of the world for a nickel.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

George Burk, of Sharon, Pa., and Joe Williams, of Newcastle, Pa., were in the city Sunday.

Charles Berry, who has been on the sick list for two weeks, is improving.

Mrs. Dr. Burton and Mrs. Agust Lucas left Monday morning for a two weeks' trip east.

Cecil Exum left this week for school at the Ohio State University, at Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Edward Casey, of Cleveland, Ohio, spent a week here with her daughter, Mrs. Homer Douglass, 250 East Federal street.

Mr. Clarence Tocus left Monday for Athens, Ohio, where he is attending Ohio University, after a week's visit with his mother and sisters.

A. Rayford left Sunday for Washington, D. C., as delegate from Mahoning Valley Lodge of Odd Fellows, to the B. M. C.

Mrs. Anna Shaw and son Earl and Mrs. Martha Williams, of Pittsburg, spent Sunday with Mrs. C. A. Jackson and friends.

Buckeye Lodge of Elks No. 73 will meet in regular session Thursday evening, September 21st.

Edward J. Williams of the laboratory coke works of the Republican Iron and Steel Co., has been promoted to tar sampler and tests. William Smith is occupying his former position.

The corner stone of the new Tabernacle Baptist Church, Arlington street, Sunday at 3 p. m., was largely attended by the secret orders of the city. Covenant Lodge No. 59, F. & A. M., had charge of the services. Grand Lecturer John C. Logan, of Columbus, officiated, and a neat sum was raised.

Peck Howard has been promoted to checker of the store house of the Republican Iron and Steel Co. Mrs. Cunningham, mother of Mrs. F. D. Berry, is critically ill at this writing.

Mrs. Edward Turner, of Lowelville, entertained in honor of Mrs. Florence Taylor, of Cleveland, the guest of Mrs. John Lewis Connersburg.

Rev. John Ogorn, of St. Augustine Mission, Parmlee avenue, will leave for Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 25th, to attend the convention of the ministers.

Mrs. Charles Williams, Parmlee avenue, is critically ill at this writing.

Rev. J. M. Gilmore, D. D., is completing his fourth year of great success as pastor of the Oak Hill Avenue A. M. E. Church. The entire debt has been paid and the property greatly improved. The return of Rev. Gilmore is earnestly requested by the official board and congregation. He will leave for conference next week.

CINCINNATI NEWS.

(Special to the Freeman.)

Rev. C. S. Williams, after serving Allen Temple A. M. E. Church for five years in succession, preached his farewell sermon on last Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock to quite a large and appreciative audience. The sermon was very impressive and will long be remembered by all who heard him. During his stay of five years he raised $28,000; made 500 additions in membership, and made many improvements. His many friends wish him much success in his new field of labor.

Mrs. Eliza Jackson, Lincoln avenue, Walnut Hill, departed this life on last Thursday and was buried from Allen Temple on Monday at 7 p. m. She was seventy-nine years of age, and was for many years a faithful member of said church. She leaves several relatives and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Servant of God, well done;
Rest from thy loved employ—
The battles fought, the victorys won;
Enter thy Masters joy.

Rev. Edison, pastor of the Zion Baptist Church preached a soul stirring sermon on last Sunday morning at 11 o'clock to a large and appreciative audience. He is a clean cut Christian gentleman and loved by all who know him.

Federated Societies Meet.

Mayor John J. Craig delivered an address of welcome yesterday afternoon at the Covington Ball Park before an audience of several thousand attending the second annual celebration of the Tri-city Federation of Fraternal Socities. The orator of the day was C. A. Cottrill, of Toledo, Ohio. Prior to the addresses at the ball park there was a parade of the uniform rank of the societies through the streets of Covington. At the conclusion of the exercises a dress parade of the uniform rank of both men and women was held. C. W. Haggard was the officer of the day.

DELTA METROPOLIS.

By Lee A. Motley, Jr.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Alex Huntley and wife spent Sunday, September 3rd, in Memphis, Tenn., visiting friends.

Mrs. Mattie Sanders and Mrs. Fannie Randolph returned Friday, September 8th, from Columbus, Miss., where they spent twelve or fifteen days visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. Horace G. Motley, of 614 Fulton street, met Mr. George Jefferson, of Rabbitt's Foot Co., Sunday morning, September 10th. Mr. Jefferson was once instructor of the band and orchestra of Utica Institute, of which Mr. Horace Motley was a student and also a member of the band and orchestra.

Mrs. Alice Quinn is up again after a little spell of sickness.

Miss Lucile Nelson, of New Orleans, La., is visiting Miss Thelma J. Moffitt, of George street. They are schoolmates.

Mr. Norman Bradley left Monday, September 4th, for Alcorn College, Alcorn, Miss. He will probably spend four years there then he will enter a medical college. He finished here two seasons ago at the Greenwood Seminary. He is a bright young man.

Mr. Dan Farmer, of 416 Henry street, spent Sunday, September 10th, in Indianola, Miss., visiting his auntie.

Mrs. Sarah J. Hutchinson, of Winona, Miss., passed through Sunday, September 10th, on her way to Itta Bena to make preparations for a choir. She has been appointed musical and vocal instructor for B. Y. P. U. Convention of Mississippi, which will be held in Itta Bena, Miss., some time shortly.

Mrs. Blanche Harris, wife of Mr. Geo. Harris, clarinetist of the Big 6 Orchestra, has returned from her long stay in Hot Springs, Ark., and other points of the West. She has been away all summer. She says she certainly enjoyed herself among the mountains. She spent most of her time in Hot Springs with her sister, Mrs. Victoria Johnson.

Prof. S. B. Foster has resigned his position as leader of Big 6 Orchestra for the second time. Many of his friends were shocked to hear of his deperture. Memphis, Tenn., has his first stop. The Freeman representative wishes him much.

The Rabbitfoot Co. showed here Monday night, September 11th, to a packed house. Everyone seemed to have been pleased with the show. Whenever a colored ministrel comes to Greenwood they might as well add on some more canvas, double amount of seats, because believe me the people of the Metropolis certainly turn out to shows. Just ask any of the companies that have played here. The show was perfectly clean and up-to-date. Every thing was carried out nicely throughout the performance. It didn't take a bunch of cops to stand among the audience. The team of Dumes and Lockhart was a scream. They are some hot stuff. And Mr. Jimmie Wise is some monologist. The people didn't want him to leave the stage. There is no use mentioning the band, because everybody knows the band is there with the goods.

The Big 6 Orchestra put on a dance after the show for the bunch, and a big bunch of boys and girls from Clarksdale, Miss., and we all had a nice time. Another big dance next Monday night after Mahoney's Mobile Ministrls.

STREATOR, ILL.

Special to The Freeman.

J. H. Summons was in Pontiac, Ill., Thursday to attend the funeral of his father-in-law, James Hatfield.

A. N. White and Mr. A. L. Pierce were in the Windy City for the week end visit.

Mrs. Jennett Bryant's school will open Monday, Sept. 11.

Mrs. Lila Martin has been on the sick list but is better now.

Don't forget the Mason's ball, Sept. 22. Come everybody.

SHORT FLIGHTS.

(By R. W. Thompson.)

Let Us Be Square.

Let us be square with the fellow
That is square with his fellow-men;
Let us be friends with the fellow
Who in turn will be friendly again.
Let us be right with the fellow
Who is right to the best he knows
And carries the light of his spirit
To men wherever he goes.
Let us be straight with the fellow
Who is straight as a die to us,
And give him our love and our blessing,
And give him our friendship—plus.

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Go into business, no matter how humble the start.

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The National Negro Business League is here to stay.

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It is hoped Kansas City does not feel "over-conventionized."

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Thieves invariably fall out over the division of the "swag."

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Chattanooga, 1917! Put this on your memorandum books for next August.

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A real leader is never under the necessity of proclaiming his virtues from the housetops.

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A correspondent, said to be perfectly sane, suggests a five and ten-cent butcher shop. Why not?

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The National Negro Business League will hold up the hands of its new president, the Hon. J. C. Napier.

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The race wants no more "expositions" of the type of the Richmond fiasco, fathered by Giles B. Jackson.

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The alert Washington Bee hasn't found it necessary to "defend" the Hon. Ralph Wily Tyler for two whole weeks.

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There is a good job in sight as assistant superintendent in charge of the Colored schools of Washington—for the right man.

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Naturally, the National Negro Press Association is the best-advertised of the adjuncts to the National Negro Business League.

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A grouch, who writes things for a Louisville paper, rises to warn ardent swains against the tribe of affinities. He says these charmers do not make good cooks.

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Advertise your wares, whatever they may be. The world is curious to know what kind of a hand you hold in the game of life.

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It is pretty safe to suspect that a writer who hides his identitfy is up to something crooked—or at least "shady." The honest man works in the open.

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Former Governor P. B. S. Pinchback is the "race's grand old man"—the last of the "Old Guard" that made reconstruction a living force. Long may he wave."

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If the once-famous "Black Cabinet" comes back, it will be revised out of all recognition. The "Cabinet" may be again in the flesh, but its personnel will be radically changed. Mark that!

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The Baltimore & Ohio railroad is said to have 8,400 Colored men in its employ, 17 are section foremen, seven are stenographers, and one is chief clerk of the relief department and legal bureau.

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Such a well-informed journal as the New York Age should know that the "J" in the name of Mr. Napier stands for "James" and not "John." Let's keep the record straight as we go along.

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An effort is being made by the Colored citizens of Topeka, Kansas, to frown down upon any member of the race who fails to employ a Colored undertaker when death enters a Colored household.

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Mrs. Sarah G. Jones, for years an efficient teacher in the public schools of Cincinnati, O., is conducting an informing department in the Fraternal Monitor, Cincinnati, under the caption "Of Interest to Women."

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For the information of the esteemed Houston (Texas) Observer, the "R" in our name stands for "Richard"—not Ralph," as Brer Nickerson insists upon styling us. Most of our friends are satisfied to dub us "R. W."—and let it go at that.

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Wake up—and send a dollar to your local committee in charge of the Booker T. Washington Memorial Fund. If you have no local committee, send contribution, in any amount, large or small, direct to Emmett J. Scott, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

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The journal that exposes shams, fakes, hypocrites and grafters is on solid ground. He may lose a dirty dollar here and there, but he will be alive and on the job when the pretender has ben forced to the wall by an outraged public sentiment.

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Eighty-five years ago in August Nat Turner led the Negro slaves to revolt. Methods of reprisal have changed in three-quarters of a century, but the spirit of manly resistance to tyranny is unchanged in the bosom of every young Negro who had red blood in his veins.

News of the Nation's Metroplis

(Concluded from Page One)

Dayton, Ohio, were subjected to the unfair discrimination of meeting the prejudices so prevalent even in the North. Conditions like these ought to be exposed to the fullest extent, and to this end I have dedicated my life.

Men and women interested in justice for the race kindly send contributions to Allen's National News Bureau, 447 Lenox Avenue.

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Mrs. Frances Keyser Here.

Mrs. Frances Keyser a member of the faculty of The Daytona Normal School at Daytona, Florida, and who was formerly superintendant of The White Rose Home here is visiting in this city. Mrs. Keyser is one of the strongest women in this country, and in the section where she is now laboring she is doing much for the uplift of the young womanhood of the race. She will be remembered here for her fine work in social service, in uplift and in the club movements.

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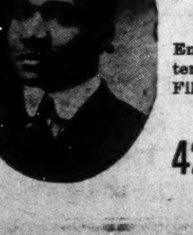

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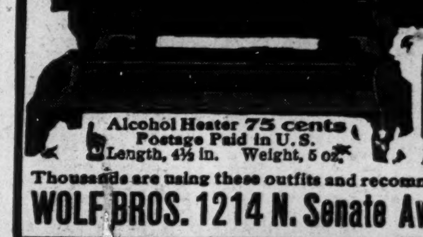

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